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Rebuttal Testimony of Ashley Golden

Re: City of Oxnard Land Use Policies

Statement

Explanation of Land Use Designations in the 2030 General Plan

NRG's opening testimony suggests that the City's recently-adopted General Plan amendment¹ requires incorporation into an amended LCP before it becomes effective.² This position demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the General Plan's structure and meaning that the City wishes to correct.

NRG refers to language in the General Plan introduction, which states that "Selected General Plan land use designations and related policies will not be effective in the Coastal Zone until certified by the California Coastal Commission."³ General Plan land use designations are contained in Chapter 3, Section 3.5 Land Use Designations and Standards. The related policies that implement these land use designations are found in the next section, Section 3.6 Goals and Policies. For example, Section 3.6 policies CD-19.1 through CD-19.5 apply to the Central Business District land use designation found in Section 3.5.⁴

The General Plan has many other chapters that also govern land uses throughout the City. (The City regularly performs separate LCP and General Plan consistency analyses when processing permits in the coastal zone.) The standards in these other General Plan chapters are distinct from both the land use designations in Chapter 3 and the LCP and do not rely on a particular land use designations unless the General Plan states otherwise. For example, regardless of the land use designation, projects must comply will all applicable goals and policies within General Plan Chapter 6, Safety & Hazards.

In the case of the Puente proposal, the City would apply Chapter 6 policy SH-3.5 regarding new electricity generating facilities in areas subject to coastal and other environmental hazards. That policy applies to lands throughout the City regardless of

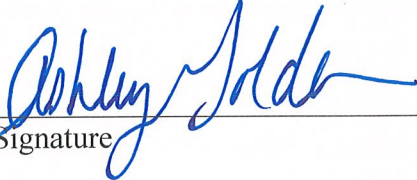
¹ See City Council Resolution 14,925, adopted June 7, 2016.

² Applicant Testimony, Tim Murphy (Land Use and Agriculture), p. 2.

³ 2030 General Plan, p. 1-5.

⁴ 2030 General Plan, pp. 3-15, 3-16, 3-37.

their land use designation. Policy SH 3.5 could therefore apply to lands that are designated Agriculture, Light Industry, Public Utility/Energy Facility, or any other land use designation.⁵


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⁵ 2030 General Plan Map with Land Use Designations.