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## **Necessity of Reliable Power**

Dear Commissioners,

It is encouraging that so many families are conserving electricity and also installing solar power on their rooftops.

These efforts have allowed us to see a future with fewer power plants as our need for electricity lessens.

Conservation, alternative sources and regulation have also allowed us to design highly efficient and lower profile plants that reduce a power plant's geographic and carbon footprint.

In a perfect world, I suppose that we wouldn't need any power plants. We wouldn't need the land that they occupy, the transmission lines that carry their power nor the jobs that they provide. We would flip the switch and magically light our homes without any negatives.

Perhaps that perfect world can be achieved someday but for now, we need power plants.

The Puente Project by NRG at Mandalay Bay will be a next generation and reliable solution to supply power to our region for many years to come. The decommissioning of many power plants in the area make this decision all the more important as this may be the only remaining peaker plant of its size for the region. Any limitation of power rather it be during a heatwave or natural disaster would be beyond an inconvenience; it would be economically harmful, a danger to health and disproportionately burdensome on the elderly and poor.

I encourage your commission to approve NRG's well thought out and prudent plan at Mandalay Bay.