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# CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
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September 29, 2017

Commissioner Janea Scott  
Commissioner Karen Douglas  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
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Dear Commissioners:

As Members of the California State Legislature, we write with continued concern over the proposed siting of the Puente Power Project combustion turbine generator in City of Oxnard. As you know, this project stems from a determination made more than five years ago by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). As you are also aware, CAISO has since revised their position on both need and potential methods of delivery, including in testimony provided for this proceeding, where they establish the viability of renewable and storage alternatives to the construction of a new gas-fired plant.

We maintain this project is inconsistent with California's renewable energy goals. As we have stated before, constructing the Puente Power Project is contrary to the state's goal of a carbon-free energy system. As a state whose Governor is the leading face of climate change, we need to retire gas plants – not create them – as we move towards achieving a 50% renewable portfolio standard by 2030. Furthermore, as demonstrated by recent findings submitted by CAISO, significant alternatives to fossil fuel power exist for the region. These alternatives include greater contributions from utility-scale and distributed renewables generation, demand-response measures, increasingly cost-effective battery storage, and improved energy efficiency and conservation measures. These findings alone merit updated review, and, in particular, we believe California Public Utilities Commission should direct a new Request for Offers for the sub-area, providing this Legislature and relevant agencies with up-to-date information about the viability and cost-effectiveness of renewables, battery storage, and other carbon-free options to meet projected energy demand.

Our opposition to the Puente Power Project is not just based on the overwhelming environmental evidence against its creation, but also in defense of environmental justice for the people of Oxnard, who have long borne the disproportionate impacts from power generation for the larger

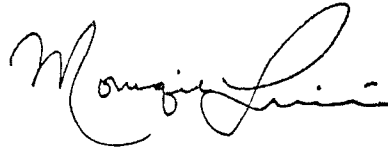
Moorpark sub-area. The city has stated its intention, through local planning, not to approve additional gas-fired plants in a community already saddled with several. Parts of Oxnard score between 81-100% on CalEnviroScreen. More than 80 percent of South Oxnard are people of color, one-third of the community earns below the federal poverty level, and 70 percent of their children qualify for free and reduced lunch programs. This is a community that finally deserves to be heard and supported, and not further impacted by large polluters.

Given that the Legislature recently confirmed two new commissioners to the Public Utilities Commission, the energy market continues to rapidly change and provide increasingly inexpensive options for clean energy technologies, and the California Independent Systems Operator's recent report indicates that these cost-competitive options for storage and preferred resources are now available to the Moorpark sub-area, we believe it is necessary for CEC to delay a final decision on the proposed Puente Power Project, so that CPUC can revisit the previous Request For Offers—now several years dated—to see if it is still applicable to the needs of the area, or if a new portfolio of preferred resources, energy storage, and energy conservation can better meet those needs.

Sincerely,



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