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Dear Commissioners and Presidents Picker and Nichols:

We write as legislators who have previously expressed our concern regarding the proposed Puente Power Plant. We applaud the notice indicating the Energy Commission Committee reviewing this project intends to recommend its denial. The Puente project is inconsistent with multiple state and local laws, it conflicts with the state's goals for procurement of renewable resources, and it would disproportionately burden environmental justice communities in the City of Oxnard. As the California Independent System Operator convincingly demonstrated, preferred resource alternatives are available to meet local energy demands.

Rejecting the Puente Project is only the first step toward ensuring an equitable transition to renewable resources. We understand that NRG recently notified the Public Utilities Commission that it intends to retire the Mandalay 1, 2, and 3 units at the end of 2017. We support the retirement of Mandalay 1 and 2 as soon as possible. However, any retirement must also include provisions to ensure that the units are removed and the Mandalay site remediated. The City of Oxnard, which has long borne the burden of providing energy to the entire region and is already struggling to ensure the cleanup of the Halaco Superfund site, must not be saddled with this burden.

In addition to securing the retirement of Mandalay 1 and 2 and remediating that site, the Public Utilities Commission, working together with the Southern California Edison and the CAISO, must ensure the procurement of preferred resources to meet the Moorpark local capacity requirements. Edison has already developed a preferred resource request for offers (RFO) in the Goleta Area. Although Edison suspended that RFO earlier this year, it should now work with the PUC and CAISO to update that RFO to ensure that it can procure an effective suite of preferred resources at a reasonable cost for the entire Moorpark subarea. In the meantime, Mandalay 3 can operate as a back stop on a temporary basis to ensure local reliability while these preferred resources are procured and brought on line.

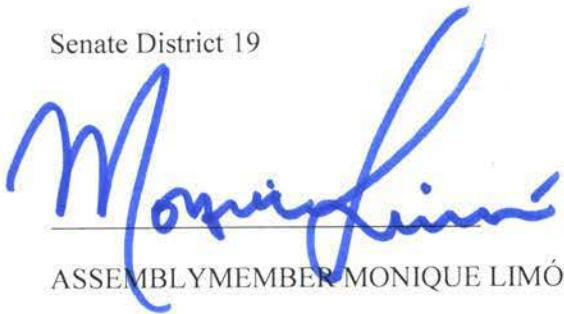
Finally, any proposed response to meet the local capacity needs must involve interested stakeholders, particularly the City of Oxnard. An equitable and effective solution to meeting the LCR need requires the participation of those who will be most affected by the decision. Working together with the local community, the CEC, PUC, and Edison can ensure that California continues on its path to a low carbon energy future and avoids the substantial environmental and equity impacts presented by Puente.

Sincerely,



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