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Subject: Docket 15-IEPR and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Dear Ms. Raitt,

The City of Laguna Beach and its citizens have expressed public concerns over potential safety risks from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). In spite of current activities underway by plant utility operator Southern California Edison to decommission SONGS, there are still many potential risks associated with SONGS' operations, most notably the storage of radioactive, spent nuclear fuel assemblies in the spent fuel pool, located in a seismically active area adjacent to the ocean and a busy interstate highway. Additionally, the spent fuel is proposed to be transferred in four-five years to a dry storage cask system, where it could be stranded on site indefinitely because there currently exists no federal repository available accept permanent transfer. It is the feeling of the City that the situation and conditions requires an alternative to waiting for a federal repository.

I am submitting to the California Energy Commission on behalf of Laguna Beach Mayor Bob Whalen and the City the following items for inclusion to Commissioners for the Docket 15-IEPR workshop scheduled for April 27, 2015 regarding spent nuclear fuel storage at San Onofre:

- Attached City of Laguna Beach Resolution 14.082, stating the City's opposition to long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel at SONGS; and
- Attached letter from Mayor Bob Whalen to Governor Jerry Brown, asking the State to work with California's federal representatives and agencies to facilitate a safe, interim storage site in a remote and secure location – potentially a military base – to store SONGS's spent fuel, until a permanent, federal repository is created and accepts the spent fuel.

Laguna Beach was one of the first cities in Orange County to adopt a statement on the need to remove the spent fuel away from SONGS to a safe, remote interim site as quickly as possible. The Mayor and City officials also extend their availability to provide public testimony on this subject at future Commission meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on this important issue. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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