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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Dear Commissioners:

On 3/10/2015 the project owner docketed (TN# 203811) their written testimony. In the Visual Resources section, project owners expert witness, Thomas J. Priestley, Ph.D., proposes that the CoC VIS-5 be changed as follows:

"...The mitigation plan shall include, ~~at a minimum, a 20-foot-wide or greater~~ a landscape planting buffer zone along the entire CECP/I-5 boundary, to accommodate replacement tree canopy of sufficient height and density as to provide substantial visual screening of the tall amended CECP features, including exhaust stacks and transmission poles, and to substantially replace any existing tree canopy on the eastern CECP boundary lost to highway expansion..."

Power of Vision **opposes** such a change since it makes the provision of VIS-5 ambiguous and unclear as to whether there will be a feasible mitigation plan. Nor does the project owner explain how, in the space that may be available after the I-5 widening, their proposal will meet the requirements both for "... replacement tree canopy of sufficient height and density as to provide substantial visual screening of the tall amended CECP features..." and for the CoC WORKER SAFETY-7 requirement for a safety and visual barrier along the eastern perimeter of the project.

Sincerely yours,

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