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August 27, 2013

Mr. John Heiser
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street (MS-40)
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Support of HECA Project

Dear Mr. Heiser,

The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, representing over 410,000 Hispanic professionals from corporations and both large and small businesses, would like to express our support for the Hydrogen Energy California project.

It is our goal to promote Hispanic and minority-owned businesses, and those that cater to, or employ Hispanics, by being active and visible in the community and by raising the level of awareness of our member's needs in the business community. We are pleased with Hydrogen Energy California's interest in hiring a qualified, diverse and local workforce.

We believe that HECA will have a major impact on our local economy, if approved. The project will bring Kern County 2,400 construction jobs and an additional 200 permanent jobs once it is in operation. Construction alone will provide our county with \$3.4 billion in economic stimulus.

In addition to adding much needed jobs back into the Kern County market, the project will generate approximately \$52 million in annual labor income and \$239 million in total annual economic impact.

The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce supports the HECA project because it will benefit our residents, our oil industry, alleviate stress on the energy grid, provide farmers with a local option for fertilizer and will provide a cleaner source of energy for the entire state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Tamsi".

Jay Tamsi
President/CEO