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HECA

Dear California Energy Commission,

I am a very concerned about the future of Kern County and our planet in general. I am a mother of 3 beautiful adopted girls. We are vegetarian, power our home with solar panels, recycle and try to leave the smallest carbon footprint that we can. As a family we have vowed to start doing more for the health of ourselves and our future. The HECA project may seem very appealing to those who are not looking at the long-term costs. Sure, more jobs and more money sound great however the cost is just too great. We need to invest in other forms of energy such as solar and wind. These will not use extreme amounts of water and cause our air to be even more polluted than it already is. They will also bring jobs and money to the county.

I teach special education at the preschool level and see many children with asthma and other problems that they would not have if they lived elsewhere. I will close this letter with a few quotes from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,

Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

— Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

The Once-ler: Hmm. First the poor bar-ba-loots. Then the poor swommee swans. Now the poor humming fish... oh, Mr. Lorax, Mr. Lorax... this cursed factory of mine! Now, at last, I understand.

Ms. Funce-ler: [over intercom] Mr. Once-ler! Mr. Once-ler!

The Once-ler: Hmm? Oh, yes Ms. Funce-ler?

Ms. Funce-ler: Stock markets just closed, and Thneeds Inc. stock is up! Up 27 and 5/8 points!

The Once-ler: Wow. Wow! Rowdy-dow!

[to Lorax]

The Once-ler: Now, you listen to me, pop while I blow my top! Trees? Ha! You speak for the trees? Well I speak for men, and human opportunities! For your information you Lorax, I'm figgering on biggering and biggering, and biggering, and BIGGERING, turning MORE truffula trees into thneeds! Which everyone, everyone EVERYONE NEEDS!

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Thank You

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