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Support of HECA Project

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear California Energy Commission and the Department of Energy,

I am writing in support of the HECA project. When I first heard about the project I had a few questions. After doing some of my own research I have become a huge supporter of HECA and want to see it built in Kern County.

On September 20, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed new carbon pollution standards for new power plants. Part of the plan, which is part of our president's Climate Action Plan, supports investments in advanced coal technology. HECA's plan to gasify coal and petroleum coke is exactly that! Their operations will store 90% of the CO2 produced into the ground and will help push out oil for a nearby oil field. I believe that those who oppose HECA don't understand the process because they call the project a "dirty coal plant," which it clearly isn't. They want clean energy options but are asking one who wants to build in Kern County to leave. It doesn't make any sense.

I can see that HECA takes climate change seriously. The pet coke they intend to use for their process is a by-product of oil refining which means that they've found ways to reuse left over products from related industries. HECA is responsible and their technology represents our president's plans for combating climate change. I support HECA, please permit the project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lupa Colburn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text "Thank you,".