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## Antelope Valley African American Chamber of Commerce

July 3, 2013

Mayor James C. Ledford Jr.  
**City of Palmdale**  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

**Re: Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP)**

Dear Mayor Ledford,

It has come to our attention that the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) has come under attack after the announcement of its State approval. Our Chamber members conducting business here in the Antelope Valley can't accept another rate increase or rolling black-outs due to insufficient power in the area.

We have observed the process the City of Palmdale has executed over the last ten years, with an attempt to mitigate the problem and provide electricity to its residents and business community. This project will bring much needed construction and permanent jobs to our immediate area. As you know Southern California Edison (SCE) has elected to close the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, taking much needed resources off the grid. The rising cost for SCE to build new sub-stations is enormous and would only pass the construction cost down to the rate-payers. With a constant threat of rolling black-outs and higher service bills, we must seek alternative resources...the PHPP is the right direction. Based on our research, this state-of-the-art power plant provides 600 MW to our City, providing enough electricity for a half million homes and businesses. It a win-win for our members' local community providing lower rates and local sustained power.

We at Antelope Valley African American Chamber of Commerce (AVAACC) admire you (the Mayor) and the Cities leadership, forethought, and capital investment regarding this project. Let's join the other cities in the State of California such as: Burbank-Glendale, Anaheim, Pasadena, LADWP, Vernon, Azusa, Victorville, Corona, Moreno Valley, and more providing power for its community. More importantly, our area is ideal for a project such as this.

On behalf of my entire Board and its membership, we support the PHPP project and encourage you to move forward without delay. The economic outcome of this project is huge for our community. We look forward to an invite to its ground breaking ceremony, RFQ's, RFP's and job opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Richard Poston*

President/CEO - AVAACC

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