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Subject: Uphold ALJ Decision to reject application 1105023

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Please support the proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Hallie Yacknin to reject SDG&E's application 1105023, the Quail Brush Power Plant. The proposed decision aligns with the California mandate for placing energy efficiency, renewability, and distributed energy generation ahead of new gas fired power plants.

The proposed Quail Brush project will spew more than 200 tons of yearly air pollution within thousands of feet of schools, parks, recreational areas, many citizens' homes, and within the heart of the multiple species habitat planning area. It is in the middle of designated open space lands and adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country.

Multiple studies have clearly shown that a new fossil fuel power plant is not needed in the San Diego region. The continuance of existing plants, coupled with the advancements being ushered in through renewable energy, make the Quail Brush project obsolete. Both the Santee City Council and the San Diego City Council have voted unanimously to oppose the Quail Brush Power Plant. Many community organizations and thousands of citizens have opposed Quail Brush with letters and petitions to the CEC.

SDG&E plans to profit from selling the gas to Cogentrix for power generation, then sell the generated electricity to San Diego customers at increased rates to pay for the significant and unnecessary costs of this fossil fuel plant while suffering related health impacts. This project is driven by greed with no regard for citizens, the community, or green energy initiatives.

Now is the time to promote local rooftop and parking lot solar and grid storage for any future power generation thereby furthering energy efficiency from truly renewable and non-polluting resources. Our state has a special opportunity to be leaders in the solar movement and reduce greenhouse gases. Quail Brush is the wrong power plant, proposed for the wrong place, at the wrong time.

Respectfully,
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