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DEAR SIR:

WE ARE WRITING THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PERMITTING AND APPROVING THE AVENAL POWER CENTER LLC APPLICATION. THE CERTIFICATION OF THE AVENAL ENERGY (08-AFC-1) PROJECT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE CITY OF AVENAL AND ITS CITIZENS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS 1. IT WILL CREATE JOBS FOR A CITY THAT HAS A 25%+ UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. 2 IT WILL PROVIDE LOCAL TAXES FOR A COMMUNITY WHERE THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL. 3. IT WOULD GIVE THE CITY OF AVENAL ITS FIRST INDUSTRY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS (EXCEPT FOR A STATE PRISON.) THIS POWER CENTER WILL PROVIDE POWER FOR A STATE THAT IS IN DIRE NEED OF ADDITIONAL ENERGY. MY WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED IN AVENAL FOR THE PAST 45 YEARS - RAISED OUR TWO CHILDREN IN AVENAL. WE HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT SINCE DUKE FIRST APPLIED FOR PERMITTING MANY YEARS AGO. MY WIFE AND I ARE BOTH RETIRED AND I HAVE EITHER BEEN A COUNCILMAN OR THE THROUGH THREE OWNERSHIPS. I HAVE ATTENDED PRIVATE AND OPEN CITY MEETINGS WITH ALL THREE OWNERS, ATTENDED SEVERAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, GONE ON SEVERAL SITE VISITS, AND HAVE ATTENDED C.E.C. HEARINGS HELD IN AVENAL. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THIS PROJECT IS SAFE, SOUND AND HEALTHY TO PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ANY AND ALL CONCERNS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED.

SIR, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND THE COMMISSION FOR TAKING THE TIME AND INCONVENIENCE TO HAVE MEETINGS (HEARINGS) IN THE CITY OF AVENAL AND PERMITTING OUR CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS AND ALSO FOR CONSIDERING OUR LETTER OF SUPPORT.

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