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Mr. Hoffman,

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Mariposa Power Plant in Alameda county, just over the San Joaquin county line. I am a resident and homeowner in Mountain House, just 2 miles from the proposed construction site. My opposition is based on the inequity of placing the power plant so close to Mountain House - the plant would have a tremendous negative impact on residents of Mountain House and, although Mountain House residents would be forced to deal with the negative externalities of the project, they would receive little or no benefit from the facility.

With a power plant so close to the Mountain House community, residents' property values will decrease as a result of the undesirable proximity to a power plant and the planned continued development of the community would be threatened. With the plant so close to my house, the proposed abatement measures will be ineffective. The prevailing wind would bring the plant's emissions right over our house and present a threat to my family's and children's health. I have looked through the proposed decision approving the project and it does not adequately address the concerns that Mountain House sits directly down wind of the proposed site. And because of this proximity, there is simply no effective way to make any meaningful reduction of the pollution that the proposed plant will emit.

The area has long been a source of wind-produced energy and placing this traditional pollution producing plant so close to our community goes against the tradition of clean energy in the area. Contrary to the findings of fact in the proposed decision, there are viable alternatives to placing the power plant next to my house.

The interests of Mountain House residents - the very people who are to be most directly impacted by the proposed plant - have not been sufficiently accounted for in this process. By approving the plant on the border of our community, the CEC will effectively allow Alameda county and the Bay Area to benefit entirely from the increased energy production but require me, my family and the other residents of Mountain House to bear the entire economic and environmental burden of the project. Please do not allow the Mariposa project to go forward.

Kind regards,
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