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Commissioners and staff, welcome back to Oakley:

As an Oakley resident who is actively involved in my community, I want offer my full public support for the Oakley Generating Station. Over the past year, I have sent in letters of support, joined conference calls when needed and now stand before you, urging you to quickly approve this project, so that we can break ground this summer.

I also want to state for the record, that I am a member of a local community organization tasked with improving the quality of life for all of our residents, young and old. Many of our members are civic minded individuals with close ties to longtime residents and our small business community. For years, both groups have hoped major industry would locate in Oakley, to offset the tax burden currently placed on them. We have waited patiently, maybe too patiently, and now we have a very desirable project, ready to break ground, we just need the help of regulatory agencies, like the CEC.

It's important that you're aware that the economic impact this project will have on Oakley **is unprecedented**: **millions in sales tax revenue, millions in property tax revenue, a community grant program to support the local non-profit community, hundreds and hundreds of construction jobs, and secondary jobs and income created for businesses and vendors servicing the plant.** We don't have the luxury on passing up this type of revenue; there isn't another Oakley Generating Station.

Please vote to approve this project as soon as possible.

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