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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

December 21, 2016

Honorable Commissioner Karen Douglas
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

I write to convey my support of the Alamitos Energy Center and to encourage approval of this project by the California Energy Commission.

In 2010 the City of Long Beach adopted a Sustainable City Action Plan intended to guide our city as we create a more sustainable Long Beach. The City is working diligently to achieve these goals to reduce our carbon footprint through investments in renewable energy sources and implementation of techniques to reduce our energy consumption. The City also understands the need for reliable and affordable energy solutions to support our economy and our residents. The Alamitos Energy Center is consistent with the City's goals as it will use 50% less fuel to deliver the same electricity service, enable the electrical system to integrate more intermittent renewable energy, enable the closure of the existing 2,000 MW Alamitos generating station and cut emissions by nearly half.

The Alamitos Energy Center will also boost the local economy, spurring nearly \$1.3 billion in private investment in California's electric infrastructure and contributing more than \$8 million annually to the local economy while also generating increased tax revenue.

I support the strengthening of the regional grid and creating more sustainable energy sources. In light of the California Energy Commission's Final Staff Assessment and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Final Determination of Compliance, which concluded the Alamitos Energy Center will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations and will not cause significant environmental or air quality impact with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, I support this project and ask the California Energy Commission to approve it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Garcia

cc Stephen O'Keefe, AES