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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Docket No. 99-AFC-5

Dear Sir/Madame:

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission are an original and 12 (twelve) copies of Press Release Dated April 13, 2000 Announcing San Diego Board of Supervisors' Approval for Otay Mesa Project in the above captioned matter.

Sincerely,



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 13, 2000

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**SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR OTAY-MESA PROJECT**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – Local support for the proposed Otay Mesa Generating project grew Wednesday, when the San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to recommend that the California Energy Commission (CEC) approve the project.

“We are very grateful for the support we’ve received from the Board of Supervisors and their willingness to work with the CEC toward the successful planning and permitting for this project,” said Tom King, president of PG&E Corporation’s PG&E National Energy Group West Region. The PG&E National Energy Group, the competitive business operation of PG&E Corporation, is developing the Otay Mesa project, a proposed 510-megawatt natural gas fired power plant in San Diego County.

“The San Diego area has a critical need for new power supplies in the near term. The Otay Mesa project will play a major role in meeting that need,” King continued. “In

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addition, the project will be one of the cleanest power plants ever sited in the United States, thus helping to protect the San Diego region's air quality."

The California Independent System Operator, the agency charged with monitoring the reliability of power delivery throughout the state, said recently that demand growth in San Diego could outpace electricity supply development, potential undermining reliability of service to customers.

Greg Cox, first district supervisor, San Diego County Board of Supervisors, said the proposed generating plant is an important lynch pin in the efforts to create new jobs on East Otay Mesa. He said the Board's endorsement of the project made it a "historic day for San Diego."

"This project will provide the necessary foundation for smart growth and will bring high paying jobs into East Otay Mesa for South Bay residents," Cox said.

The proposed Otay Mesa Generating project will be located within a 46-acre property on the remote eastern portion of Otay Mesa near the base of the San Ysidro Mountains, about 1.5 miles from the United States/Mexico border. The site is located within the county's East Otay Mesa Subregional Plan (District 1). Construction of the Otay Mesa Generating Project should begin in the winter of 2000, with commercial operation beginning in the summer of 2002.

PG&E Corporation, with 1999 revenues of almost \$21 billion and operations in 27 states, markets energy services and products throughout North America through its National Energy Group. PG&E Corporation's businesses also include Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the Northern and Central California utility that delivers natural gas and electricity to one in every 20 Americans.

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Energy Resources Conservation  
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of: )  
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Application for Certification ) Docket No. 99-AFC-5  
for the Otay Mesa Generating )  
Project (PG&E Generating) )  
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Diane M. Gilcrest, declare that on April 18, 2000 I deposited copies of the attached **Press Release Dated April 13, 2000 Announcing San Diego Board of Supervisors' Approval for Otay Mesa Project** in the United States mail in Walnut Creek, CA with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to the following:

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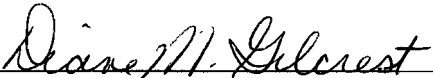
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