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If you review the evidence on record concerning the Quail Brush Power Plant application, you will find the choice is obvious—the SDG&E application should be terminated, not extended. Please protect public health and safety, endangered wildlife and Mission Trails Regional Park by rejecting the applicant's 2nd request for suspension.

Administrative Law Judge Yacknick's 11/20/2012 decision to reject SDG&E's application for the Quail Brush Plant was the right one. Fossil fuel plants use inefficient polluting technology for unneeded power and do not move California toward the achievement of its sustainable clean energy goals, as defined by Governor Brown.

Energy conservation is working and we need to press forward. Southern California peak energy demand is static, contrary to claims by SDG&E and Cogentrix, which together seek to build a redundant plant for their own financial gain. I object to SDG&E profiting from selling the gas and the electricity, while we citizens pay for the significant and unnecessary costs of these fossil fuel plants and suffer the related health impacts and increased utility rates.

I support the use of local rooftop / parking lot solar and further renewable energy sources and efficiency for any future needed peaking power generation. Both our sun-blessed county and our state have a special opportunity to be leaders in the movement to reduce greenhouse gases.

In asking you to reject SDG&E's application, my voice joins that of thousands of local residents that are committed to press for rejection of this project. These voices include Democrat Assembly Member Marty Block, Republican Assembly Member Brian Jones, the San Diego City Council, and many others who whole-heartedly oppose the Quail Brush project.

I sincerely urge you to uphold the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, and reject the request for application extension.

Sincerely,
William Cooper