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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Via email to: docket@energy.ca.gov

Re: San Gabriel 07-AFC-02, Committee Order Denying Applicant's Request for Additional Suspension and Granting Energy Commission Staff's Motion to Terminate

Dear Commissioners;

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Committee Order Denying Applicant's Request for Additional Suspension and Granting Energy Commission Staff's Motion to Terminate for the proposed San Gabriel Generating Station (07-AFC-02). I fully support the Committee Order Denying Applicant's Request for Additional Suspension.

My name is Pati Calzada and I live in Rialto, CA. I live approximately 8 miles from the current Etiwanda Gas Plant, where the proposed San Gabriel plant would sit. I was raised in the Inland Empire and currently suffer from asthma. When I was 11 years old, I almost died from an asthma attack. I now worry for my little 8 year old son, who currently suffers from asthma. I don't want him to live a life where he has to struggle to breathe.

My community does not need a new gas plant. San Gabriel is proposed on the site of the current Etiwanda Generating Station. Etiwanda is old, dirty and mostly runs when our region's air is already unsafe to breathe—contributing to our terrible air quality. Our area has some of the worst air quality in the nation. The American Lung Association gave San Bernardino County an F grade for Ozone, Particle Pollution 24-hour, and Particle Pollution Annual, and according to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's environmental justice screening tool, the community around Etiwanda—my community—is one of the most polluted and overburdened in the entire state – ranking in the 91-95% percentile.

After being a neighbor to one gas plant for over 50 years, we have realized we need to replace this plant with reliable, affordable, and local clean energy—not another polluting gas plant. Etiwanda has valuable transmission capacity which should be used for clean energy. At 60 acres, the Etiwanda/San Gabriel site could be used for microgrids, energy storage or other projects that could provide good, green energy jobs and training opportunities for our community.

The San Gabriel application has been suspended for so long that the application is no longer accurate or relevant. For example, in the eight years San Gabriel has lingered at the Energy Commission with a complete application, air quality, water and traffic impacts have changed significantly. Indeed, from April to October 2013, we suffered from 182 dirty air days when smog was at levels believed to endanger public health. Dirty air days increased in 2014 to 193.

We and our community thank Energy Commission staff and Commissioners Douglas and Scott for terminating the application for San Gabriel. If the applicant wishes to pursue a new gas plant in a polluted area, they need to start fresh, with current environmental information, so the Energy Commission can understand and assess its impacts accurately and our community can participate in the process.

Sincerely,

Pati Calzada