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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing you in support of the Stanton Energy Reliability Center. I had planned on offering public comment at the upcoming informational hearing on April 17th, but unfortunately I will not be able to be present due to my travel schedule.

W Power, the owner of the Stanton Energy Reliability Center has been very active in our community and has proposed what appears to be an elegant solution to the intermittency challenges created by renewable energy. Their Hybrid EGT will provide an environmentally superior solution to the old peaking gas turbines by the addition of a battery and controls that essentially make the project function like a Toyota Prius.

In speaking with W Power and others throughout the community, it is clear to me that a lot of consensus has been built around this project. It will provide a clean and reliable resource to allow us to retire San Onofre Generating Station and replace its output with primarily renewable resources. In the two years I've known W Power, they have become an exemplary corporate citizen in North Orange County and have helped to support some key programs.

They have worked closely with the City of Stanton to jointly design an aesthetically pleasing facility. The facility will be located in an area of town that is ideally suited for this type of development and will produce desperately needed tax revenue for Stanton to help fund its police and fires services. Just this year, the City had to increase its sales tax a full 1% to keep their police and fire departments staffed.

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As an elementary school district we are proud of our focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We are also thankful for our Board of Trustees for approving an energy savings plan that includes the conversion of nearly 6,000 incandescent lights to LED along with over 300 energy efficient air conditioning units, and solar power at all of our schools as well as our district office and warehouse. We are doing our part to conserve energy, reduce carbon emissions and contribute to a cleaner and greener environment for the future. We strongly feel that the Stanton Energy Reliability Center will be a positive asset to our students, community members, schools, and city.

I personally support this development and believe this is precisely what is needed in North Orange County to secure our clean energy future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank E. Donovan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Donovan, Ed.D.
Superintendent