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*Via Electronic Submission and Regular Mail*

California Energy Commission

Attn: Mike Monasmith

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**Reference: Mission Rock Energy Center (Docket Number: 15-AFC-02)**

Dear Mr. Monasmith:

The City of Santa Paula strongly opposes Mission Rock Energy Center's proposal to construct a 275-MW natural gas-fired peaking power plant about two miles west of the City ("MREC Plant"). As you know, on December 21, 2017, commented on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (the "PSA") issued for the MREC Plant.

As we understand it, there is a community workshop tentatively scheduled to address the PSA on Tuesday, January 10, 2018 in Santa Paula. Shortly after that, the public comment period on the PSA is scheduled to close on January 26, 2018.

The City requests that the California Energy Commission extend the comment period and delay the community meeting for the Mission Rock Energy Center for at least 60 days beyond the announced close of comments on January 26, 2018. The importance of the PSA cannot be understated. This additional time will allow local governments impacted by the MREC Plant and their communities to provide input on the extensive 1270-page PSA.

It should also be noted that City resources and residents in ours and neighboring communities have been greatly impacted by the Thomas Fire, which has been burning out of control since December 4, 2017. Our City is charged with both Fire recovery efforts and prevention of future disasters that may result from winter rains triggering debris flows, mudslides and flooding. Community members have been busy working to save equipment, irrigation lines, citrus and avocado trees, which serve as the basis of their livelihood.

The impact of the Thomas fire on this and the neighboring communities in Ventura and Fillmore coupled with the fact that the comment period occurred over the December holidays warrants a continuance of the comment period for at least 60 days.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ginger Gherardi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Ginger Gherardi, Mayor  
City of Santa Paula

cc: Honorable City Council  
Michael Rock, City Manager  
John C. Cotti, City Attorney