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Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Drew Bohan
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RE: Support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley, I write to express our enthusiastic support of the Black Rock Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley as "The Voice of Business" is a Convener for leaders of influence, a Catalyst for business growth to enhance a healthy economic and social environment in our region, and a Champion for a strong community. Our Chamber is also the largest business organization in Northern Imperial County and our members include small businesses, corporations, associations, and individual professionals.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Black Rock Geothermal Project will provide critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support grid reliability and the State's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity.

The Black Rock Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$475 to \$800 million to the local economy, creating over 426 construction jobs and 61 permanent jobs to support maintenance and operation of the facility. In addition to the many jobs that will be created, the project will generate substantial tax revenue and support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

For these reasons, The Greater Brawley Chamber supports the Black Rock Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,



Ramiro Urias
Chief Executive Officer
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley