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November 26, 2007

Ms. Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: MMC Energy Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear Commissioner Pfannenstiel:

The Mexican American Business and Professional Association strongly supports MMC Energy's Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) and urges the California Energy Commission (CEC) to grant the project a license to upgrade its facility at 3497 Main Street in Chula Vista. This project will provide the San Diego region with much needed electrical infrastructure.

As you know, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) has designated the San Diego region as a constrained area in terms of electrical reliability. Local peaking power generation like the CVEUP is needed to support local demand for electricity, prevent blackouts and brownouts, and ensure a reliable supply for our residents and businesses. This constraint was exacerbated during the recent wildfires when SDG&E's transmission line was severely damaged. San Diegans can no longer rely heavily on imported electricity to satisfy regional needs.

The new technology that MMC proposes to use for this project is much more efficient and cleaner than the technology of the existing plant which MMC is replacing and will decrease emissions by producing more power with less fuel consumption.

The project will also provide considerable economic benefits to Chula Vista's redevelopment area where it can be invested in needed improvements for the community. New capital investments of roughly \$70 million will result in approximately \$655,000 in property taxes annually.

Sincerely,

Lilia Garcia
Vice President

