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The Environmental Health Coalition ("EHC") petitions to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to sections 1207 and 1712 of title 20 of the California Code of Regulations.

Under section 1207(a), "any person" may file a petition to intervene that sets forth "the grounds for the intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, the extent to which the petitioner desires to participate in the proceedings, and the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner." The presiding member may grant leave to intervene "to the extent he deems reasonable and relevant" (§ 1207(c).)

EHC is a 27-year-old environmental justice organization focusing on environmental and human health in the San Diego/Tijuana region. Through its participation on the CalEPA Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and the San Diego Association of Governments Energy Working Group, and as a member

of the city of Chula Vista Climate Change Working Group, EHC has represented the interests of its members and other residents who live adjacent to and downwind of facilities like the one at issue in this proceeding. EHC thus has an organizational interest in the development of regional energy resources, as well as local expertise in the environmental impacts of, and alternatives to, energy facilities.

Our concerns include the fact that the proposed power plant does not conform to current land use designations and violates the city of Chula Vista's general plan as it would be located 350 ft. from a residential community and approximately 1300 ft. from an elementary school. This community is already heavily impacted by pollution from mixed use development in the past; including the existing Main St. peaker plant. Concentrated industrial uses which cause environmental degradation in such areas affects not only human health, but also property values and economic development opportunities. Accordingly, the project directly affects the immediate physical and economic well-being of the members and residents EHC seeks to represent in this proceeding.

EHC also works to involve the community members most affected by polluting facilities in decision-making processes. EHC's participation in this proceeding would better enable affected community members to voice their concerns, provide evidence of the project's potential effects on surrounding neighborhoods, and offer alternatives.

EHC's ultimate position in this proceeding will be determined based on the interests of affected community members and the factors to be considered by the Commission in evaluating the application. EHC wishes to participate fully in all phases of this proceeding, consistent with the rights and obligations of parties as set forth in section 1712 and other applicable regulations. Filings should be served on EHC at the address below.

For the foregoing reasons, EHC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene in this proceeding and allow EHC to participate as a party.

Dated: 12/7/07

Respectfully Submitted,

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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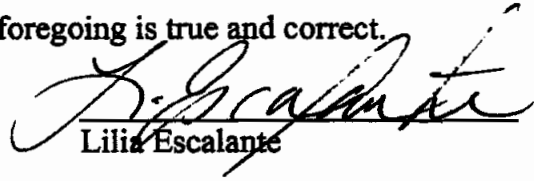
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