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Mr. Christopher Meyer
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95833

Subject: Chula Vista Peaker Upgrade

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am in favor of the Chula Vista Peaker Plant Upgrade. By upgrading the existing peaker facility with cleaner, more efficient equipment, the Chula Vista area will be ensured adequate power supply without unduly burdening the environment.

I have reviewed the environmental studies included with the Peaker Upgrade Application and do not believe the peaker upgrade will have a negative impact on air quality or cause excessive noise. I understand that there will be an unnoticeable effect on traffic and the change to the current view will be very minor (we'll only be able to see the tops of the stacks and even then, only from certain angles). In fact, even with the added capacity, this small peaker will create fewer impacts than the permitted uses in the surrounding Light Industrial zone and far less health risks than the neighboring retail distribution center or the truck yard. The truck yard alone causes a lot of pollution and disruption with the trucks in operation going back and forth on a daily basis. The peaker is not currently a major source of emissions and will not be so with the upgrade, even with the tremendous amount of added capacity we'll gain.

This peaker provides us with valuable insurance against blackouts and brownouts, especially in emergencies. For example, while the peaker only runs 200 hours a year on average, during the Harris fire when the SDG&E lines were down, the peaker plants were a significant factor in avoiding an energy catastrophe in the midst of this natural disaster. By having peakers as a means of energy insurance, thousands of families were able to stay home and stay safe by running necessary appliances such as air purifiers. An upgraded peaker with increased capacity and more efficient technology will serve as a reliable source of energy when we need it most.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Amezqua

