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California Energy Commission
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Re: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I would like to express my support for the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) being proposed by MMC Energy. I first became aware of the project when I was approached by a representative from MMC that requested permission to install a noise monitor on my property (1,100 feet from the peaker) for a 25 hour period to measure the noise of the peaker. While I was particularly attentive to sound during that 25 hour period, I did not detect any sound coming from the peaker though I know now that the peaker ran during that time period.

As a long time resident of Southwest Chula Vista, I know firsthand of the frequent disruptions in energy prior to the peaker's construction in 2001. While a peaker upgrade project is not something that my neighbors and I are likely to get excited about (like a new park or the paving of a street), we recognize that it is important for us to have energy available when it gets hot over the summer or during emergencies when our access to energy is cut off or endangered. I had the opportunity to attend a community meeting in October where MMC Energy made a presentation on the project and I have been staying informed of the project's progress. Our community is made up of people of all ages and it is essential for us to maintain healthy living conditions during emergencies. During the summer, that may mean the ability to use our air conditioners when temperatures soar. In situations like the fires last fall, that may mean the ability to run air purifiers.

I have been reading the comments of special interest groups who, in the name of environmental justice, want to keep development out of the area. These opinions are not shared in our immediate neighborhood. We would like to see new development that will help support community improvements such as the paving of streets. I believe I represent my neighbors when I say that we are more concerned with the serious noise and pollution caused by the constant truck traffic down Main Street (with trucks idling and moving goods in and out of the warehouses) on each side of the peaker. We are also concerned with the endless dust clouds created from our unpaved streets.

In my experience living in proximity to the current facility, I have not noticed extra traffic nor has the plant attracted my attention during times when it has been running. As I understand it, the upgrade will provide Chula Vista with increased, but more efficient, peaker capacity and fewer environmental impacts than the existing facility. I urge the California Energy Commission to grant the MMC project a license to upgrade its facility at 3497 Main Street.

Sincerely,



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