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Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am writing in support of the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP). MMC's plan to upgrade its peaker is a sound proposal that brings more sustainable energy to the Southwest Chula Vista community. The existing 45 megawatt (MW) peaker will be upgraded to a newer and cleaner running 98 MW peaker that will supply the local area with additional power when other power sources go out of service.

The proposed peaker consists of upgrading an existing peaker that was built back in 2001. Back then the peaker project was not met with the same opposition and criticism from groups such as the Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association and the Environmental Health Coalition that oppose the upgrade today. My question is: where were these critics and opponents when the peaker was initially put up? If they wanted to oppose the peaker, then was the time to do it. Had they done it in 2001, they would be aware that the peaker unit is sited in Chula Vista under a special permit for 30 years. The peaker on Main and Albany is not moving, which brings me to ask: which is preferable to have, an old and dirty peaker running for the remainder of the 30 years or a newer and cleaner upgraded peaker?

Please, I urge you to approve the CVEUP because it will supply my community with additional energy.

Sincerely, 

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