



May 12, 2008

Ms. Blanca Esquivel
750 Ada St Apt, 8
Chula Vista, CA 91911

Mr. Christopher Meyer
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Application for Certification for the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am writing to urge your support of the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project being proposed by MMC Energy. Looking forward to the summer of 2008, it is anticipated that low hydro conditions will continue and that we can expect higher loads than previously anticipated. Additional power generation is critically needed to meet the growing demand, especially peaking units that increase available supply during peak hours and can be brought to full power in just ten minutes. By upgrading this existing peaker facility with cleaner more efficient equipment thereby reducing emissions per energy produced you can increase capacity while doing it more cleanly, efficiently and economically without causing significant environmental impacts.

This peaker provides us with valuable protection against blackouts and brownouts, especially in emergencies. For example, while the peaker only ran 200 hours a year on average, during the wildfires of 2007 when the SDG&E lines were down it was the peakers that helped us avoid an energy catastrophe in the midst of this natural disaster. By having this additional peaking capacity, thousands of families were able to stay home and run their air purifiers while local hospitals were at capacity treating burn victims and patients with respiratory problems.

The peaker is not a major source of emissions and is considered a good quiet neighbor that for the most part has gone unnoticed because we are not able to see it or hear it. Yet we know it's there because the disruptions in service have been fewer since the peaker was built in 2001. Additionally, the upgraded peaker will provide twice the amount of electricity and do it cleaner, more efficiently, while substantially benefiting Chula Vista economically.

Thank you for your support in maintaining electric service reliability throughout California and for us in South San Diego, an area that is particularly vulnerable because we are at the end of the grid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blanca Esquivel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Blanca Esquivel