

April 30, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am writing to support MMC's proposal of upgrading its existing peaker to a cleaner, quieter, and overall more efficient 98 megawatt (MW) peaker. With the demand for energy soaring in Chula Vista, as well as San Diego County, we need this upgraded peaker to supply surrounding homes and businesses with electricity during times of high demand and when other energy sources have met their maximum capacity.

Our community was and still is especially vulnerable because we are located at the end of the power grid; meaning, that when the demand for power becomes too high and capacity reaches its max many of our homes and businesses are left in the dark. Different from larger power generators, the proposed peaker can be turned on in as little as ten minutes and provide approximately 60,000 homes with power. By not approving the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project, a peaker running with old and dirty technology will remain because the existing peaker is under a special permit to remain at their current site for 30 years.

Southwest Chula Vista needs reliable energy sources that will keep homes and businesses running and able to withstand periods of high energy demand, such as the upcoming hot summer months and unexpected emergencies. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you keep my views in mind during the approval process.

Respectfully,

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