

Docket Optical System - letter read at hearing on sept 18 in Chula Vista**DOCKET****07-AFC-4**DATE SEP 18 2008RECD. SEP 19 2008

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Clarification for the public record:

As president of the southwest Chula Vista Civic association I would ask staff to look at the petition we submitted at the first information hearing on CVEUP. No where is there the name of REYNA MONTANO or any Montano. The letter read clearly stated they signed it at a community fair. We did not have it at the community fair for the Southwest Strengthening Strategies held in April. We had already submitted it to the CEC. At that fair where we had a booth and MMC also had a booth we were asking people to write letters-all of which have been submitted to the CEC and none of which were signed by anyone with the name of MONTANO. We had a sign up sheet for our organization's information and no Montano signed that either. I have not been able to find out who this person is, but believe them to be a friend or employee of Josie Calderon, who can not be trusted.

They may be one of the 2,000 signators of EHC's petition, but this petition was not circulated at this fair and only recently has been circulated by SWCVCA. This is an example of the deliberate lies being circulated by the consultant for MMC.

I am well aware of the fact that well meaning people on both sides let emotions carry them away in their opinions, which often are not very factual, but this was a deliberate lie planted in the paper in response to my letter of opposition the previous week.

I was annoyed by it then and am even more annoyed by it now.

Theresa Acerro

president of Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association

This is my letter that this letter was written in response to:

Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association was formed specifically to represent residents, business and property owners in southwest Chula Vista. We submitted a petition opposing the MMC peaker plant signed by 300 people to the CEC at the first hearing. Forty of those signatures are of employees and owners of businesses to the east of the peaker plant. The other people signing include almost every resident living within 1,000 feet of the plant. We also have helped 70 residents send letters to the California Energy Commission in opposition to the expansion.

We plan to ask the Chula Vista City Council soon to oppose the plant expansion.

If one looks at the documents submitted by MMC to the California Energy Commission, one sees that the new plant is cleaner per megawatt but with more megawatts produced per hour of operation, it would be dirtier per hour.

Even if it operates only a hundred hours, this increase in pollution would be significant to the nearby workers, schoolchildren and residents. We already bear the pollution from a cement plant, cogeneration plant, bus terminal and a huge amount of truck traffic.

The newest peakers run the most, because they are cheaper to run. The existing one is so dirty and inefficient that it did not operate at all for two years. We accept that a peaker may be needed but this is not the correct location. It is too near homes and schools. There are many other places where it could be built farther away from homes and schools.

MMC is a New York company. Its profit should not take precedence over the health, safety and quality of life of the residents of southwestern Chula Vista.

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