

October 2, 2008

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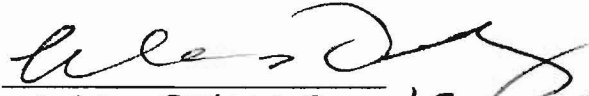
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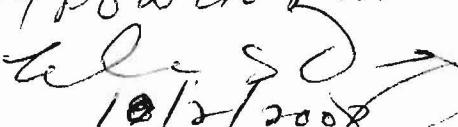
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642 THIRD AVE SUITE-H-1
CHULA VISTA CA 91910

BEN MCC REPRESENTS OVER 600 CHULA VISTA
RESIDENTS - WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE
MMC PEAKER; DUE TO THE GROWING
ENERGY DEMAND AND WILL HELP REMOVE
THE SOUTH BAY POWER PLANT THE MAJOR
POLLUTER - 
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Carmen Moriega
1067 4th Ave #117
Chula Vista, CA 91911

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1310 Rain Forest Rd
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1375 Livingston Ave
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1752 Fernwood Rd
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3488 Bonita Rd
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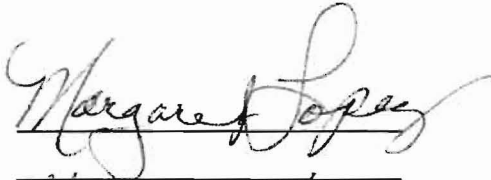
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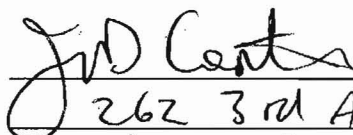
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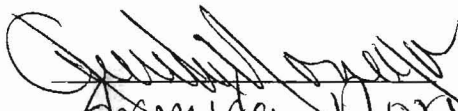
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Chula Vista 92011

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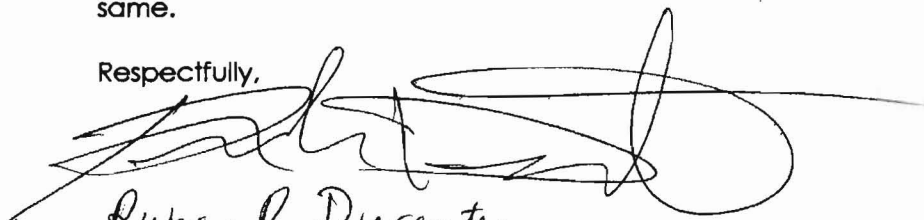
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1067 4th Ave #113
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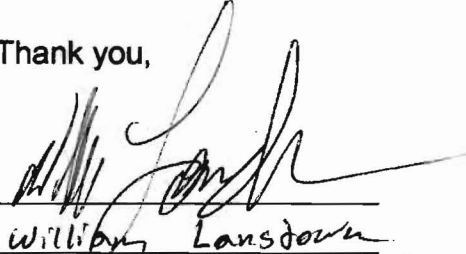
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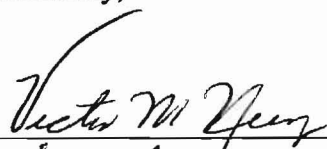
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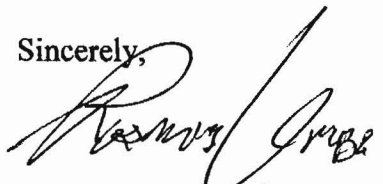
We have seen the problems unbridled growth can cause in communities. So many times we are faced with infrastructure that is inadequate to handle the pressure of sustaining our quality of life we so cherish by choosing to live in this city.

Having the security of an energy source if the South Bay Power Plant is over burdened is a project we should embrace as a community. The peaker plant upgrade will occur at no cost to the city while providing us a bridge to cleaner and more efficient energy source in the event we it.

MMC will provide nearly 150 construction jobs. As we peak around the corner to 2009 we see a recession staring us straight in the eyes. MMC and organized labor have agreed to a Project Labor Agreement which will guarantee union jobs in exchange for a ban on work stoppages.

Consider the equation; upgrade an existing energy source at no cost to the city, create sorely needed union jobs, plus tax revenue of nearly \$1million. This should add up to an approval by the CEC for the CVEUP.

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362 J STREET

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Dear California Energy Commissioners,


As a Chula Vista resident and restaurant owner, I would like to express my wholehearted support for MMC's proposal to upgrade its existing peaker plant in Southwest Chula Vista. We need this upgrade to make sure that our growing energy demand is met. Also, it is a rational proposal to want to replace older, dirtier and inefficient technology that peaker currently runs on with newer state of the art technology that runs cleaner and more efficient.

I received a flyer at my home urging me to protest the peaker project on October 2nd. I have heard the opposition's arguments and claims; and to be honest, I consider what they are saying to be negative propaganda designed to frighten, manipulate, and ultimately misinform residents into opposing a good and solid project that is a positive and progressive step for Chula Vista. If I knew with any certainty that their claims of this peaker upgrade causing asthma, cancer, or even death to the immediate community were anywhere close to being valid and accurate; I would most likely be opposing this project. But they are not! I have yet to see any concrete evidence that backs up their claims, which leads me to believe that more than likely their other negative claims against the peaker are also false.

Please do not let the opposition's false, negative, and downright shameful claims and attempts influence your vote regarding the upgrade of the Chula Vista Peaker. Also, know that there are some of us in the Chula Vista community that want and need this energy upgrade. I support this project proposal and I encourage you to please do so as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Luz Herrera


Luz Maria Herrera
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Chula Vista CA
91910

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I wish to state my support for MMC's upgrade of its existing peaker plant. I consider it to be a good and much needed project that benefits our community.

The peaker is a threat to neither our community nor our environment, but the South Bay Power Plant is. If we upgrade this peaker it puts Chula Vista closer towards the removal of the South Bay Power Plant from its bayfront. This new upgrade will make the current peaker cleaner, more efficient and more reliable. It is also what our community needs in order to instill in us a sense of security that our energy demands are met and that we are not at risk of being left in the dark.

Supporting this project means we care about our community and that we want to move forward and progress. Please support the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project and give us a sense of security.

Thank you,

Ruth V. Amador
185 Anita St
Chula Vista Ca 91911

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my support for MMC's upgrade of its existing peaker plant.

MMC's peaker upgrade project helps my community by ensuring energy reliability for not only our local homes and business, but for our hospitals, police and fire departments, as well as our schools. Not only does it bring more reliable energy, but it also brings more jobs to our local community and revenue that could be used towards making long overdue improvements in Southwest Chula Vista. Also, I am pleased to know that the upgrade places us a step closer towards the removal of the South Bay Power Plant, which happens to be our community's major toxic emitter.

For these reasons above, I support the upgrade of the Chula Vista Peaker Plant and ask that you take my views into account when casting your vote regarding the peaker.

Thank you,

Irma A Amezcua
181 Anita St
Chula Vista ca 91911

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
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RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I wholeheartedly support the proposed upgrade of MMC's Chula Vista Peaker Plant. Chula Vista needs more efficient and reliable energy generating resources to secure its energy future. I believe that this upgrade will do precisely that.

Taking into account that the MMC peaker has a special permit to operate at its current location for a total of 30 years and that removing the peaker is not an option that is being considered, I dare ask the following questions: Why would anyone permit an old, dirty and inefficient peaker to run for that long? And why would anyone oppose the opportunity of having a cleaner, more efficient and overall more reliable peaker?

Well, I most certainly would prefer a cleaner and more efficient peaker because I know that we, as a community, could count on it when it is needed the most. I also recognize that this project will bring nearly a million dollars in revenue to the City annually, as well as create much needed construction and specialty jobs for the community.

Again, I believe the proposed peaker upgrade to be a sound and good project for the community and as a result I support this project and ask that you do too.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Victor Rivera
183 Anza St
Chula Vista Ca
91911

California Energy Commission
Chula Vista, California

September 26, 2008

Dear Commissioners:

I have lived in the shadow the South Bay Power Plant for nearly 10 years. I have seen Chula Vista grow into a vibrant and dynamic city. I for one would not consider living anywhere else, except for one thing, the existence of the South Bay Power Plant.

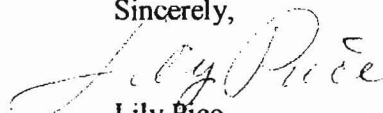
I understand that there is currently under consideration an expansion of an existing power plant in the South Bay that would alleviate the SBPP during high demand periods. This "peaker" plant runs during periods when the power grid, supplied primarily by the SBPP, is at capacity and needs the peaker to kick in to avoid power shortages.

If I understand the facts correctly, this upgrade will be consistent with the City's General Plan and Redevelopment Plan for the area. The upgrade of the peaker is not deemed a major toxic emitter and therefore may proceed in accordance with both the San Diego Air Pollution Control District and Federal Clean Air Act meeting their stringent regulations which clearly designates the peaker as a non major source of hazardous air pollutant or emitter.

As our city grows I favor the expansion of the current peaker plant which I understand will be upgraded with generators that will produce cleaner and more efficient energy for the region. The upgrade will allow for an additional 400 more hours of energy production from the current average of about 250 hours of less desirable energy production due to its current technology.

It is time your commission takes note and allows for the expansion of the peaker plant and refocuses its immediate attention to the removal of the SBPP. Your approval will review the SBPP "must run" status and hopefully place the SBPP on your agenda for the expedient removal of a power generator which places many more Chula Vista residents in peril than an upgraded, state of the art, improvement to the peaker plant.

Sincerely,



Lily Pico
707 Colorado Ave

California Energy Commission
Chula Vista, CA

September 24, 2008

Dear Commissioners:

About 2 months ago I was virtually accosted by what I thought was a well meaning civic group who had discovered an injustice perpetrated against our community. They identified themselves as the EHC and upon approaching me, I felt they had a message worth listening to. It is very difficult to not commiserate with what they were telling me. They suggested that the City of Chula Vista had sold out to special interests, had conducted closed door deals, with the obvious intention of keeping vital information from the public.

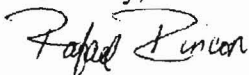
They showed me a picture of the South Bay Power Plant and suggested that an energy company was going to expand this facility, in direct violation of the city's General Plan. They convinced me that the rate of asthmatic children and the elderly would be greatly increased if we allow this injustice to continue. I was so moved that I looked into the project more closely and discovered that this group used misrepresentations, exaggerations, and unequivocal lies to make their case.

I discovered that the plant actually in question is a peaker facility that would be upgraded with state of the art technology using gas fuel to run their generators, an infinitely cleaner fuel, emitting less contaminants than the current plant. I was informed that while running almost 400 hours more during the "entire year" for a cumulative generation of 600 hours of use for the "entire" year this plant is actually cleaner and more efficient at those levels than the previous one.

As for their argument in regards to the harmful effects on our children, this simply is not accurate. The Chula Vista Elementary School District commissioned an exhaustive study by an eminently credible firm that concluded, "No significant health risk impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project."

I urge you to study the facts of this plant and not be swayed by the unscrupulous tactics I was subjected to gain my sympathy and disgust over a project that clearly benefits the entire southwest region and will eventually retire the SBPP eyesore on our waterfront.

Sincerely,



Rafael Rincon
832 David Drive

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I am a 50 year South Bay resident and homeowner who retired from San Diego Gas and Electric after working for 35 years on the gas side. I was the supervisor who oversaw the placement of the high intensity gas lines to the peaker plant. I wholeheartedly approve the project for the following reasons:

1. MMC is asking to upgrade the existing plant by installing state of the art General Electric generators that will run on gas, an infinitely cleaner fuel source. These generators will produce nearly 100 megawatts of power, and do it cleaner, efficiently, and more economically.
2. MMC plans to run the generators during peak periods on our electrical grid, generating approximately 600 hours of energy for an ever increasing consumer demand on energy.
3. The marginal increase in energy generation will not produce increased pollution or contaminants which the current plant produces running 200 hours per year. Both your commission and the Air Pollution Control District concluded that the upgrade would not produce a significant environmental impact and therefore not deemed a major toxic emitter.
4. The peaker upgrade is acceptable in the city's General Plan policy because it is not a major toxic emitter.
5. As someone who has worked for an energy company for most of his adult life I believe strongly in the overall good of the community and ask you to approve the peaker plant project and encourage your immediate review of the South Bay Power Plant's timetable for removal.

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter,



Rudolfo M. Borboa

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October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I wrote this letter in Spanish and had it translated for your convenience and consideration:

I have read about the peaker plant facility in Spanish language newspapers and have also read articles on the internet. I have lived in the South Bay for nearly 40 years but have much more command of what I want to express concerning the upgrade of the plant in my native language. So with your indulgence please consider what I have to say.

My concern as a mother of an asthmatic child was particularly piqued when I read a quote from the opposition saying that the upgrade to the facility would directly cause an alarming increase of asthma and upper respiratory ailments in children and the elderly. I was approached by a member of an opposition group and was told that special interests were going to kill our children and line their pockets in the process.

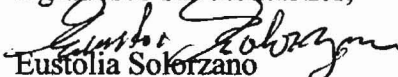
I am not naïve, and for them to condescendingly tell me that this facility was going to "kill our children" without regard speaks to their human indecency. Attempting to play on my perceived ignorance I did my own research and discovered that what I had been told was an outright distortion meant to scare me into joining their "junta," against this project.

It became apparent that honest facts could not win their argument, so resorting to distortions and exaggerations was their line of defense. I find it indefensible to use scare tactics about increased asthma incidences to a mother who once had to stay up for periods of 24 hours comforting her child while the asthma attack weakened him into a state where his small body did not have the energy to cough again.

During the worst years of his asthma our family lived across from the South Bay Power Plant. I understand that if the peaker is approved the SBPP's removal will proceed more quickly. I will never be able to prove it but when I looked into my child's weary eyes I will forever believe that the contaminants from that power plant were to blame.

I support the upgrade to the peaker plant, if for no other reason than to consider the immediate removal of the SBPP.

Agradezco sus atenciones,


Eustolia Solerzano

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October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

It is with great pride that I write to you as a longtime resident from the city of Chula Vista. I have always been concerned about the city I love and therefore feel compelled to express my feelings regarding the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project under consideration before you. As a resident who cares deeply about its city I resoundingly support the proposed upgrade to the peaker facility.

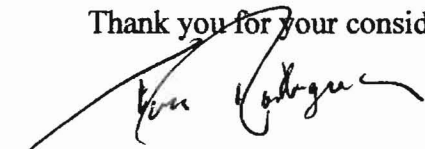
It is imperative to consider the upgrading of any energy producing facility with state of the art technology that generates cleaner and more efficient energy. It would be sorely shortsighted of us to oppose an upgrade to an existing facility with a permit to operate for 30 years and not allow the ownership of the facility to replace less efficient technology at no cost to the city.

The additional 300 hours this facility will run on a per year basis will ensure that energy needs will be met during times when it is most needed. This plant is a safety net that our regional power grid can not afford to be without.

It is a bridge that would afford us time to develop alternative energy sources, but more importantly, expedite the eventual removal of the South Bay Power Plant. An antiquated facility which all of us know will not undergo any efficiency upgrades in the near future.

I firmly believe that with the approval of the CVEUP by your commission, you will rest comfortably knowing that your decision is in the best interest of the city of Chula Vista and that the peaker facility is a sound and good project for the community.

Thank you for your consideration,



417 B JEFFERSON AVE
CHULA VISTA CA 91910

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

The Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project is a common sense approach to a complex problem. In the last couple of days energy demand has been at its highest peak for the year. The current peaker plant must have been utilized to alleviate the high energy demand strain on our regional electrical grid. The fact that we did not have to endure brownouts or, worse yet, blackouts, is a testament to the regional worth of a peaker plant.

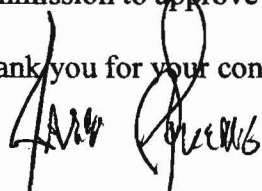
Southwestern Chula Vista residents are currently faced with a project that will replace an existing "peaker" plant generating 44.5 MW, with a state-of-the-art plant producing environmentally safer and friendlier energy to an already energy burdened region.

Both of the regulatory agencies, the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the Air Pollution Control District, have concluded that a new peaker plant will not produce significant environmental impacts. While peaker opponents may be frustrated with city hall, the ultimate decision to improve the existing plant lies with your commission.

California has the most stringent pollution laws in the country. I live a short distance away from the South Bay Power Plant and have lived there for the past 40 years. Not only have I endured pollutants from the antiquated plant but also those coming from the heavily congested I-5. I understand and support the need for this upgraded peaker, because not only will it contribute to the retirement of the ancient South Bay Power Plant that mars our bay front, but it would help meet our ever growing demand for energy in the region cleanly and efficiently.

I for one cannot wait for the day the South Bay Power Plant is retired. I urge this commission to approve the peaker plant upgrade.

Thank you for your consideration,


JAVIER GUERRERO
542 MAITLAND AVE

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I support the proposed upgrade of MMC's Chula Vista Peaker Plant. Our ever growing city needs more efficient and reliable energy generating resources to secure its energy future. The upgrade of the peaker plant falls within the policy of the city's General Plan.

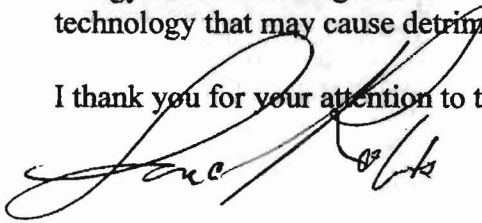
The San Diego Air Pollution Control District and the Federal Clean Air Act has copiously reviewed the project and has concluded that the upgrade project does not meet "major toxic emitter" designation and therefore is not a major source of hazardous air pollutants and or contaminants.

Upon reading the city's General Plan policy one clearly understands that the peaker project does not violate policy because it is not a "major toxic emitter." So to argue that the upgrade violates the General Plan would be to argue with the SDAPCD and the Federal Clean Air Act. It is understood that California has the most stringent air quality control measures in the country.

Regardless of these conclusions, MMC's veracity in establishing itself as a good neighbor can be documented by its mitigation programs which take into serious consideration the quality of life of its immediate community neighbors. MMC is also contributing mitigation measures directly to the city of Chula Vista for the good of all the community.

I urge the commission to approve the CVEUP so that residents can feel confident their energy needs are being met with state of the art technology instead of living with technology that may cause detriment to environment and community

I thank you for your attention to this matter,



LUCY ROBERTS
463 D STREET

October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

As I write this letter I am reminded of an opening scene in the Thomas Crown Affair where Pierce Brosnan is sitting down mesmerized by Degas' "Landscape with Smokestacks." A museum worker approaches Brosnan and asks, "I thought you would go for the Monet?" Brosnan responds, "I like my Smokestacks Bobby." What strikes me about this seminal work is how foreboding the Impressionistic Smokestacks appear, certainly it would take someone very unique to suggest literally that foreboding smokestacks are aesthetically pleasing, because for the multitudes, they are not.

I support the peaker plant project on many levels. My curiosity is especially piqued when I learn that opponents of the project conjure up visions of soot and black smoke choking neighborhoods surrounding the peaker plant. The fact of the matter is that the upgraded peaker will not emit smoke. The heightened stacks are catalytic converters for exhaust emitting heat, steam, and combustion products comparable, or less, in volume with the projected 600 hours of use, than the current plant emits while generating energy approximately 200 hours per year.

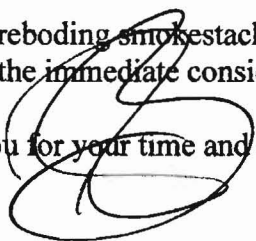
Noise will be in compliance with city ordinances. The heights of the exhaust stacks are driven by the need to control noise through the use of silencers. Significant to the issue of particulates emitted into the atmosphere, the stacks will be heightened to ensure that exhaust is disseminated further from the ground mitigating the impact of particulates to the residents.

MMC has not only followed every regulatory requirement asked of them, but has gone beyond their regulatory scope to assure residents that they will be responsible neighbors. The peaker Air Quality impacts are less than Environmental Protection Agency significance thresholds.

I believe that MMC has conducted their due diligence responsibly and with the best intentions. I resoundingly support the upgrade project and urge that the commission move forward with its approval.

As for foreboding smokestacks let's look no further than the South Bay Power Plant and consider the immediate consideration for its retirement on your agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



ROBERT B. B. B. O. A.

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October 2, 2008

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

As I write this letter at 3:30 in the morning I am serenaded by the vaporous cleaning blasts from the South Bay Power Plant. For the last 25 years I have endured the soot, contaminants, and particulates from that plant as they waffle over my home which is located virtually across from the SBPP.

I understand that the SBPP must run to produce electricity to an ever increasing consumer demand. What I find particularly ironic is that there is an alternative source of energy generation in a peaker facility which is being considered for upgrade. The irony is that the upgraded facility will not be designated a "major toxic emitter" and yet the residents, no closer to their plant as I am to mine, will receive mitigation incentives by the company proposing to upgrade the facility.

This good neighbor gesture is astonishing considering that the Chula Vista Elementary School District completed an independent review concluding that, "no significant health risk impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project." Therefore MMC is going beyond their parameters of responsibility to assure the neighborhood that they care about the quality of life in their immediate community.

In the last 25 years I may have stepped out, but no one has knocked on my door and offered any sort of mitigation measures to alleviate the impact of my quality of life living so close to an antiquated plant that runs 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. The peaker will run approximately, on average, 600 hours *for the entire year!*

I believe the proposed peaker upgrade to be a sound alternative when our grid is overburdened and the peaker kicks in. This should be the first step in addressing the removal of the SBPP. I strongly support the approval of the CVEUP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Martin Rodriguez

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Steve Palma Speaking Points

CEC Evidentiary Hearing – October 2nd, 2008

ALVOGA

My name is Steve Palma. I'm a 61 year resident of Southwest Chula Vista with a long history of community advocacy that includes... *mail boxes & Bringing Sidewalks to the enclosed neighborhood that is next door to the Current Peaker Plant*

- I want to thank the **Commissioners and staff** for their thorough review of the MMC proposed peaker upgrade project and for providing the community with an extensive review process. By my count, you have held 5 public workshops and hearings to present information and listen to what the community had to say.
- Unfortunately, these **Opportunities to Learn the Facts** directly from **Experts in the Field** were undermined by Theresa Acerro, Hugo Salazar and EHC. *Lanana Hunter Environmental Health Coalition*
- Who at every CEC Public Meeting called for a **Protest** that **Intimidated the Community from Participating** constructively at the meetings. Those who attempted to come were called traitors, sell-outs and outsiders.
- While it's these EHC recruits that are the outsiders... To name a few Carlos and Carina Lopez are both from **Eastlake** and Hugo Salazar, a hired hand from the EHC, is from **Castle Park**.
- **These Opponents** had an opportunity to fight the siting of this existing peaker when it was first permitted in 2000, **but chose not to**.
- They also could have argued for state-of-the-art technology at that time, and **again chose not to**.
- Now, they are trying to block an improvement that would get rid of an older, dirtier peaker. Where is the logic in this course of action?