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January 12, 2009

James Boyd
Vice Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Vice Chair Boyd:

I am writing to request a follow up hearing in Chula Vista to address constituents' concerns regarding the MMC peaker plant upgrade, prior to the final determination on the project.

We have received over 500 petitions from community members regarding the expansion of the existing peaker plant. One of their main concerns is the health effects of expanding a power plant near a school site. It is important that the concerns of community members are heard and that they receive accurate information about the project and its anticipated effects.

The communities adjacent to the peaker plant are primarily Spanish speaking with a limited fluency in English. It is critical for all community members to have an opportunity to participate in the hearing process. By hosting a hearing, the California Energy Commission (CEC) will provide the community an opportunity to fully vet their concerns about the proposed plant expansion. It would also be ideal to have translation services available at the hearing.

The energy future of our region is at stake. It is important that our community has an active voice and participates in meeting the region's energy needs.

I want to thank you for your attention to this matter and for giving the community of Chula Vista the opportunity to voice its opinion, prior to your final determination on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Moreno Ducheny".

DENISE MORENO DUCHENY
State Senator, 40th District

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