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California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (07-AFC-4)

Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I am writing to convey my support for the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) as proposed by MMC Energy and that is currently under review by the California Energy Commission (CEC).

Time and time again, this project has been shown to have no significant adverse health impacts to the community. This conclusion has been reached by a number of credible and respectable sources such as the County Air Pollution Control District, CEC Staff, and even an independent review conducted the Chula Vista Elementary School District. Yet, the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC) continues to mislead and frighten the public by claiming the project will cause asthma, cancer, birth defects, and other health problems.

I am confident that if permitted, the CEC will enforce that the CVEUP is constructed and operated to meet your stringent standards and ensure that Chula Vista is provided with a peaker that generates energy cleaner and more efficiently, as opposed to the existing peaker. If organizations such as EHC and the Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association really cared about the Southwest Chula Vista community and its environment they would be directing their time and efforts towards getting a beneficial peaker upgrade that represents additional megawatts of cleaner energy in order to meet our regions increasing demand and making sure that the lights in our homes and businesses stay lit.

Instead, they are standing in the way of that, as well as in the way of high paying labor jobs and tax dollars that would be used by are City to improve the condition of streets and sidewalks that are in serious disrepair. More importantly, the CVEUP will help decrease our dependence on the South Bay Power Plant and ultimately contribute towards its removal. The SBPP represents more of a danger to our community's health and environment than the upgraded peaker.

In short, as a resident of Southwest Chula Vista, I support the CVEUP and ask that the CEC rule in favor of it.

Sincerely,



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