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James D. Boyd, Vice Chair & Presiding Committee Member
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 98514

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

Dear Presiding Commissioner Boyd and Commissioners:

I ask that California Energy Commission (CEC) please reconsider the recommendation it made in its Presiding Members Proposed Decision and rule in favor MMC Energy, Inc. and their application for the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP). MMC's proposed CVEUP merits my support because it is a good project that would improve and upgrade an existing facility, generate additional megawatts of cleaner energy needed to meet the regions demand and stabilize the energy grid, and provide the City of Chula Vista with numerous benefits such as - mitigation dollars, high paying construction jobs, and tax increments to help fund community betterments and public projects.

The existing peaker plant in Southwest Chula Vista was built and is currently operating with technology dating back to the 1970's. Its technology is not much newer than the South Bay Power Plant (SBPP), which dates back to the 1960's. With that being the case, it is clear that Southwest Chula Vista needs the CVEUP because it will install state of the art technology that runs clean and more efficiently and will demolish the older and dirtier existing peaker.

It is unacceptable that find ourselves debating whether to permit MMC's application to upgrade this facility with newer, cleaner, and more efficient technology or deny their application and leave the community with a very old, dirty, and inefficient peaker that will continue operating for the remainder of its Special-Use Permit – another 20 years or so.

An upgrade for the Chula Vista Power Plant is long overdue. Due to rapid advancements in technology, it is only common sense to want the best from our energy generation resources in order to ensure energy reliability for our homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, police department, and fire stations.

Southwest Chula Vista wants the best for its community and it deserves the best. Please ensure that we do by supporting and ruling in favor of the CVEUP.

Sincerely,



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