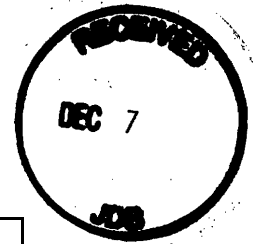


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Commissioner James Boyd  
Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller Ph.D.  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



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RE: Public Support for Oakley Generating Station

Dear Commissioners Boyd & Weisenmiller:

My name is Jane Crockett and I have lived in Oakley for the past 52 years. In 2009 I was awarded our Citizen of the Year award, a distinction I never thought I would include in an open letter, but the issue before us is extremely important to me.

Community leaders have informed me that your organization has not yet approved the Oakley Generating Station and I'm also learning any delays at this point in the development process could prevent the Oakley Generating Station from ever being built. I find this very troubling.

I have studied this issue closely and personally feel this project needs to happen. Having been around this area for so long, I remember what type of environmental stewards previous industry has been. Some previous tenants are still cleaning up the mess they left behind. The Oakley Generating Station is light years ahead of the type of industrial neighbor we are accustomed to in East County.

Unemployment in East County remains uncomfortably high. Our property values have been cut in half in many cases. Our region needs private industry to not only provide jobs, but build a reasonable tax base. This is not a new issue. Lack of real investment in Oakley has been a problem for some time now, but we continue to survive because we have operated a very lean city government since we incorporated in 1999. Our vision paid off.

Today, leaders in Oakley and trusted individuals including myself, believe we need the Oakley Generating Station to operate the type of high functioning community we envision for the next 10 to 20 years. We are a small city. We don't have the resources to actively recruit large businesses to town. What can't be disputed is how badly Oakley needs this facility. Oakley doesn't have the time or money to squander real opportunities. Please approve this project quickly.

Sincerely,

Jane Crockett - 2009, Oakley Citizen of the Year

November 30, 2010

Attention: Commissioner' James Boyd & Robert Weisenmiller Ph.D.  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I am a longtime member of the DuPont Community Advisory Panel (CAP) in Oakley and am very familiar with the parcel of property related to CEC docket number 09-AFC-4, as the proponents of the Oakley Generating Station are trying to site their facility on a property I've helped oversee for many years. DuPont operated a manufacturing plant on the site from 1957 to 1997, and at the height of its operations employed nearly 600 people. The manufacturing facility initially produced the gasoline "anti-knock" agent tetraethyl lead (TEL) and Freon®, a type of refrigerant. Production of titanium dioxide, a white pigment used in a variety of paints and plastics, was added in 1963.

I believe the Oakley Generating Station is a highly appropriate reuse of the site, especially when you consider the proposed site is currently zoned as Utility Energy within the City's General Plan and also falls within the City's Redevelopment Area. The project site is extremely close to existing natural gas and transmission lines requiring much less intrusive construction and what I feel is a reduced carbon footprint. I understand this power plant will help facilitate bringing alternative energy online, particularly wind power, which can be unpredictable, even though we are in a windy area.

I am also an advocate for the Delta and consider myself an environmentalist. Oakley's most important resource is the San Joaquin River Delta that serves as our border to the north. I consider it important to help steward the Delta for future generations. I bring this up because the CEC, the City of Oakley, the Delta are now intersecting in way where we can help shape the future of the Delta, in a positive way. The Oakley Generating Station will be using a dry-cooling process that almost eliminates the use of our local water supply, saving up to 3,000 acre feet per year of fresh water. This project respects its neighbor to the north.

Lastly, as a member of the DuPont CAP, I can share some of the consensus we've reached as a result of years of meetings trying to best determine a positive reuse of the property in question. We've recommended this site not be used to build residential homes and that the site would be used to bring jobs and revenue to Oakley. The current project before you meets that criteria and much more. Please don't allow this site to stand vacant any longer.

Respectfully,

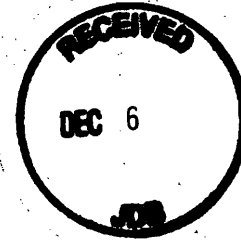
**Leonard Lloyd**

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Oakley, CA

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RE: Oakley Generating Station - 09-AFC-4

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I started my involvement with educational issues in Oakley as a parent volunteer for both the Vintage Parkway and Delta Vista PTA's and School Site Council. Getting involved with our schools led to my involvement with the Measure H Campaign Committee, a 2004 school bond, which passed with almost 70% of the vote. I recently completed a 5 year term as President of the Oakley Union Elementary School District (OUESD), which serves K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our history in East Contra Costa County runs deep as our first public school dates back to 1862 when Sarah Sellers, one of Oakley's first settlers opened the original Iron House School. In 2006 the district opened its first new school in over 15 years naming it Iron House as tribute to our past. In addition to Iron House the district operates 4 other K-5 schools and two 6-8 middle schools.

Like most school districts throughout California, OUESD is struggling to keep its fiscal house in order, but I firmly believe once the housing market and economy turn around the district will experience immediate and expansive growth, for that, it will need sufficient property tax revenue. The district could conceivably double in size over the next 8 to 10 years. Plans are in the works to build 5 additional elementary schools and two additional middle schools. In fact, in 2007-08 the district was successful in obtaining special funding from the State of California to purchase a 10 acre elementary school site and a 25 acre middle school site.

The prospect of the Oakley Generating Station breaking ground next year and operating in 2014 has been viewed as great news by our parents and district officials. The additional revenue the power plant would generate for our 4,700 students (and accompanying certificated and classified staff) would help maintain the positive educational environment we believe is necessary for our children to succeed.

Our community is built on families. In fact, demographically, we are one of the youngest cities in the state. **As a longtime advocate of children and educators in our community, I urge you to expeditiously approve the Oakley Generating Station.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauri Winters".

Lauri Winters,  
Past President, Board of Trustees, Oakley Union Elementary School District

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**Wednesday, November 30, 2010**

Commissioner James Boyd  
Commissioner Robert B. Weisenmiller  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

**Subject: Support for CEC approval of Oakley Generating Station**

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I am writing to express my personal support for a speedy CEC approval of the Oakley Generating Station project. Here are my reasons:

I have been following the three proposed power plants mentioned in Application-09-09-021 and believe there is ample need for the Oakley facility. This project represents an exciting and positive opportunity for adding environmentally responsible generation to the utility grid and much needed economic value for the city of Oakley.

As a young engineer out of the University of Wisconsin, I spent my first four years of professional activity working at the Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI. There I had the up-close view of what a modern (1960's version) generating plant can do for an area, both good, and bad. In comparison, the new Oakley Generating Station, in my view, represents the good side of the equation, with very little of the potential undesirable effects.

Later in my career, my family and I moved to California, where I spent 13 years working for the Bechtel Group on all sorts of first of a kind projects, including evaluation of a wide variety of emerging power generation technologies. In comparison to that mix of technologies, both renewable and fossil-based, the Oakley generating station represents a prudent choice with respect to process efficiency, limited emissions including carbon, and ability to furnish dispatchable kilowatts when needed. The use of quick-start, rapid response technology allows the Oakley Generating Station to balance the output of current and emerging renewable technologies. The use of dry cooling minimizes impact to the Delta waterways, which are, as I am keenly aware, environmentally stressed to the breaking point. The implementation of the project will allow PG&E to replace some of its older equipment (Contra Costa Units 6 and 7) along with expanding load. While the Oakley Generating Station will not run all of the time, when it does, it will do so with a much lower carbon footprint than the older equipment it displaces.

We moved to Oakley about ten years ago, where I taught science, including chemistry, physics, and environmental science at Freedom High School along with chairing the Science Department. I have had the opportunity to learn what is important to residents of Oakley, especially in my current activities as President of the board of directors of the Delta Science Center at Big Break, (DSC). I also am a long time member of the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed. The DSC expects to move in to new facilities very close to the proposed Oakley Generating Station. We expect that we will be good neighbors, with the benefits far outweighing any negatives.

This is my personal and professional view, representing over 40 years of experience as an engineer, educator, and resident of Oakley. If I can be of any service on this evaluation, or if you have questions relating to my letter, feel free to contact me at the above address or at [slindy@pacbell.net](mailto:slindy@pacbell.net). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:



Thomas E. Lindemuth, P.E.