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

RE: Oakley Generating Station

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

My name is Shirley Darling and I have called Oakley home for over 35 years. I love my city.

I consider myself an active member in the community and am proud to serve as Treasurer for the Friends of Oakley, a local 501(c)(3). The mission of the Friends of Oakley Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the City of Oakley, now, and for future generations, through efforts that inspire donor philanthropy to address community needs. Our first project was a Christmas basket giveaway and we recently organized a car wash and barbeque to raise funds for an auxiliary vehicle coverage structure with an animal detention area for our Police Department. When we see a community need, we raise the necessary funds to correct the issue. Our organization believes in taking action, we like to see the results.

That is why we strongly support the Oakley Generating Station. They have provided us with a legally binding Community Benefit Agreement that details how certain funds would be dispersed into the community. Pending the necessary regulatory approvals, the framework is in place for a much needed Community Grant program. There are over 80 non-profits registered in Oakley and the need for our services is great. This grant program will certainly fill a void that currently exists.

I personally support this power plant for a variety of reasons, but at the moment I want to stress how local non-profits in Oakley will directly benefit from this project. I see firsthand the good organizations like the Friends of Oakley bring to people in need. Non-profits require long-term, committed partners to survive. We have found that committed partner in the Oakley Generating Station; please do not take that away from us.

Sincerely,

Shirely Darling - Friends of Oakley