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July 25, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Boxer United States Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

On August 29, 2011, Quail Brush Genco, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Quail Brush Generating Project (QBGP). The QBGP is proposed to be developed on a 21.6-acre parcel, located in the City of San Diego, California. The proposed site is located west of the City of Santee, south of the Sycamore Landfill and north of State Route 52.

On November 16, 2011, the California Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete. On January 25, 2012, the Energy Commission held an Informational Hearing and Site Visit. On March 22, 2012, the staff held an additional public outreach workshop to inform the public and local agencies about the Energy Commission's environmental and engineering review process. Staff has met with representatives of the City of San Diego and also the City Manager of the City of Santee to discuss staff's ongoing review of the AFC.

Over the coming months, Energy Commission staff will conduct additional workshops that will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. After Energy Commission staff develops its analysis and recommendations regarding the project, the Energy Commission will conduct hearings to determine whether to approve QBGP for construction and operation, and what conditions should apply if the project is approved. Separate public notices will be issued for all workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to each meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the California Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the QBGP application. If you would like to schedule a briefing, please contact Lyndon Greco, Acting Director of Governmental Affairs at (916) 654-4992. If your staff has technical questions on the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Project Manager, Eric Solorio, at (916) 651-0966 or by email at eric.solorio@energy.ca.gov. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they can contact the



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Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Jennifer Jennings, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228 or at <u>publicadviser@energy.ca.gov</u>.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the California Energy Commission's Internet web site at: <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/index.html</u>. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of notices at <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html</u>.

Sincerely,

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I, Diane Scott, declare that on July 25, 2012, I served and filed copies of the attached Executive Director's letters to the following Elected Officials: Senator Joel Anderson, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Representative Duncan Hunter, Assemblymember Brian Jones, Chairman Ron Roberts, Mayor Jerry Sanders and Mayor Randy Voepel, dated July 20, 2012. This document is accomplished by the most Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/guailbrush/index.html.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Diane Scott Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division