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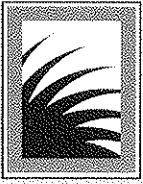
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Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 2:33 PM
To: Solorio, Eric@Energy
Subject: letter of support

Hello,

I am attaching a letter of support for the Quail Brush Generation Project, on behalf of the San Diego Regional EDC. A hard copy has also been put in the mail.

I hope it proves helpful. Thanks so much.

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Mr. Eric K. Solorio
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California Energy Commission
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Dear Mr. Solorio:

I am writing this letter to offer San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) support for Cogentrix Energy's proposed Quail Brush Generation Project (Quail Brush). As you know, a number of local economic development organizations - including CleanTECH San Diego, CONNECT and BIOCOM - have already endorsed this project. These organizations are our strategic partners in San Diego County, and we stand behind their analysis and determinations. Further, Quail Brush appears to address many of EDC's goals and objectives, which are described in more detail below.

EDC is supported by over 135 companies committed to regional prosperity. Our mission involves attracting companies to the region, improving business retention and increasing high-paying jobs for local workers. Quail Brush will help accomplish several of these goals by bringing new business to San Diego and creating local jobs. Of the 150 construction jobs and 11 permanent full-time positions created by the project, approximately 90 percent are expected to be filled locally. These jobs will in turn support broader economic development in the region.

Improved energy reliability is another benefit of Quail Brush that is consistent with EDC's goals. The companies we represent, as well as the members of our partner organizations, depend on a reliable source of power. Outages, or even the potential for outages, can cause businesses to leave the area due to lost revenue or a lack of certainty. Reliability is also a critical factor that companies consider when deciding whether or not to relocate to our region. As such, it is imperative to us that San Diego has access to reliable power.

After careful consideration, the EDC is pleased to express its support for Quail Brush. We are confident that the project will provide significant benefits to our members and the region as a whole. On behalf of those stakeholders, we urge your Commission to approve the facility.

Sincerely,

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