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Eric K. Solorio
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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Mr. Solorio:

I am writing today to inform you of Pardee Homes' opposition to the Quail Brush Generation Project proposed by Cogentrix Energy in the City of San Diego near the City of Santee border.

As a neighboring property owner planning residential development in the area, Pardee is concerned about the impact a power plant would have on surrounding residents and the natural environment. Pardee Homes understands the need and importance for alternative energy sources; however, we believe that a more suitable location for the proposed power plant can and should be identified.

The Quail Brush Generation Project is inconsistent with the community plan, current and proposed land uses and the overarching vision for the surrounding area. Pardee Homes has been working closely with the cities of San Diego and Santee for nearly 10 years to plan and design a residential community in this area that will complement the surrounding neighborhoods and natural environment.

As part of our development project, Pardee plans to donate nearly 100 acres of land to the adjacent Mission Trails Regional Park as permanent natural open space. The future Castlerock community proposed by Pardee would be greatly impacted by a power plant located in such close proximity to family homes, schools and recreational areas. Additionally, the future of the Mission Trails Regional Park, one of San Diego's premier natural habitats, would be greatly jeopardized.

For these reasons, we urge the Commission to reject the Quail Brush Generation Project and call for the applicant to identify a more suitable location.

Should you have any questions about our position on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 794-2579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Ayala".

Jimmy Ayala
Director of Community Development
Pardee Homes