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Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 12:09 PM
To: Solorio, Eric@Energy
Subject: Letter from SD East County Chamber of Commerce

Please accept the attached letter of support for the Quail Brush Generation Project from the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks you.

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October 12, 2012

Mr. Eric K. Solorio
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Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection (STEP) Division
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
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Subject: Quail Brush Generation Project – Public Convenience and Necessity

Dear Mr. Solorio:

The San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the area most impacted by the proposed Quail Brush Generation Project. Our member companies serve the constituency in and around the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Santee, eastern San Diego and portions of the unincorporated County. We advocate for the business community on public policy, education and business opportunities throughout eastern San Diego County.

After lengthy and careful consideration through our established due process, our organization has voted to support Cogentrix Energy's proposed Quail Brush Generation Project.

The 850 businesses that make up the Chamber's membership depend on a steady supply of electricity to keep their lights and computers on. Many of our member businesses are in a relatively close proximity to the location of this project, and we accept the minimal visual impacts that the project might create. The positive elements and sustainability far outweigh any other considerations. Even the shortest power outage can have negative financial and marketplace consequences for local shops and restaurants.

We are especially concerned about possible blackouts given the uncertain long-term status of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, which provides about 20 percent of the electricity needed to serve San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) customers. Quail Brush will help address this by generating 100 megawatts (MW) of additional power when it's needed most while emitting far less emissions than existing power sources.

The Chamber supports the project and asks that you allow the environmental review process to continue moving forward and to vote to approve the Quail Brush Generation Project. We appreciate that the will create approximately 150 temporary construction jobs and 11 permanent positions, many of which will be filled through local hiring.

Sincerely,

Scott Alevy
President/CEO

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