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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission:

I write in Representation of Friends of Cobb Mountain, a regional environmental organization of the Cobb Mountain area of Lake County, California.

We are concerned with the recent action of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in deleting sections 2.4 and 2.5 from the existing purchase agreement for the transfer of ownership of Bottle Rock geothermal power plant from DWR to Bottle Rock Power Corporation. This transfer was approved by the California Energy Commission with the stipulation that the content of these sections be included. They concern the retention by DWR of financial responsibility for the abandonment of the power plant and its facilities and the restoration of the natural environment at the time of decommissioning.

We join with the Coleman Family Trust (12-CAI-04) and the County of Lake in opposing the removal of this critical stipulation in view of the fact that both Bottle Rock Power and the land owner, the Coleman Family Trust, are LLCs and could in no way meet the financial demands for abandonment and restoration.

We respectfully ask that you review this situation and take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

Hamilton Hess  
Chairman  
Friends of Cobb Mountain