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**Subject:** Support for Quail Brush

Attached, please find my letter in support of the proposed Quail Brush Energy project in San Diego.

Thank you.

Brit Coupens

February 19, 2013

To: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)  
San Francisco Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Quail Brush to Supply Additional Energy Demand

Dear Commissioners,

I have been watching with concern the Commission's actions to date with regard to the Quail Brush Generation Project. As I understand it, the Commission has issued two proposed decisions that would reject the agreement between SDG&E and the Quail Brush Project thereby jeopardizing the project. I have been following this project from the very beginning and I urge the Commission not to adopt either the current or alternate proposed decision and instead approve the proposed agreement for the reasons set forth below.

If the Commission is not inclined to do so, I would like to urge the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to defer any decision on the Quail Brush Generation Project until the California Energy Commission (CEC) has made its decision. Although San Diego is a state leader in solar energy, this technology – along with other renewables such as wind – is intermittent and does not produce electricity all the time. As a result, we need a back-up source of more stable power to ensure the reliability of the electric grid. The Quail Brush Generation Project will be able to come online quickly and efficiently when the wind stops blowing and the sun stops shining, thereby allowing our region to take advantage of more renewable resources without sacrificing reliability. Please keep in mind the importance of this facility and consider how this peaker plant can work in unison with proposed and existing renewable projects to protect all available energy in San Diego.

In addition, I want to remind the Commission that the future of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is still uncertain. A deferral would allow the Commission to resolve the uncertainty of our region's future energy needs.

Once again, I encourage the CPUC to either approve the agreement between Quail Brush and SDG&E now or at least keep Quail Brush on the table until the CEC has reached their final decision.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to following the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,



Brit A. Coupens