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From: Bob Roberts [bob-roberts@cox.net]
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Subject: CEC record-Docket #11-AFC-03 Quail Brush Project - Opposed

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Please reject SDG&E's application for Docket #11-AFC-03, the Quail Brush, Pio Pico, and Escondido gas plants. These fossil fuel plants use inefficient pollution generating technology for unneeded power and will not move California toward the achievement of its sustainable clean energy goals established by Governor Brown. It is time to serve the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental enhancement and a healthy California economy. When needed, solar—not gas—generated power is the right way to meet any new energy requirements, and create much needed jobs in southern California.

Contrary to claims by SDG&E and Cogentrix—who seek to build this plant solely for financial gain—this plant is not needed. SDG&E's peak demand growth has been relatively static for seven years, swinging somewhat above and below 4,500 MW. Peak demand has varied from 4,601 MW in 2007 to 4,643 MW in 2010 to 4,619 MW in 2012. In other years the peak demand has been well below 4,600 MW. I object to SDG&E profiting by selling the gas and the electricity for double profits, while tax-paying citizens suffer from the related health impacts and paying increased utility rates to build these unnecessary fossil fuel plants.

I support the use of efficient local rooftop / parking lot solar energy for any future needed peaking power generation. Peak periods occur during Santa Ana conditions when plenty of sun is available for power generation. San Diego county and the state of California have a special opportunity to be leaders in the movement to reduce greenhouse gases and promote truly renewable and clean energy sources.

In asking you to reject SDG&E's application, I am joining with thousands of local residents, Democrat Assembly Member Marty Block, Republican Assembly Member Brian Jones, San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, and the San Diego City Council, Santee Mayor Randy Voepel and the Santee City Council who oppose the Quail Brush project.

I strongly urge you to reject the request for this unneeded project.

Sincerely,
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