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B & C Awnings
3082 E. Miraloma Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806

Re: Canyon Power Plant (Facility ID No. 153992)

Dear Ms. Teresa Bau, Mr. Jeff Haun, Ms. Tam Tu, Mr. Christopher W. Walker, Mr. Pedro Salina, Mr. Reynaldo Lopez, Mr. Armanhe Vimonol, Mr. Adan Franco, Mr. Eong Nguyen, Mr. Jose Calvo, Mr. Chau Raul, and Other Petitioners:

Thank you for providing us your signed petition concerning the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (AQMD’s) public notice (“Notice of Intent to Issue Permit Pursuant to AQMD Rules 212 and 3006”) distributed on February 25, 2009 regarding the City of Anaheim’s applications to construct and operate the proposed Canyon Power Plant (CPP), a new 200 megawatt (MW) power plant to be located at 3071 E. Miraloma Avenue in Anaheim, California.

Please note that the public notice was issued after a thorough review and evaluation of the proposed CPP project for compliance with air quality rules and regulations by the AQMD Engineering staff. The intent of the public notice is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment during a 30-day comment period on the AQMD’s proposed decision to issue permits. Upon completion of the comment period, the AQMD will evaluate all comments received during the comment period prior to the issuance of any permits.

In your petition, you expressed your concern regarding the air quality impact from this proposed project. The AQMD rules and regulations have some of the most stringent air pollution control requirements nationwide and require the City of Anaheim to use the best available control technologies to reduce emissions from the project. It also requires the City of Anaheim to minimize the impacts of smog forming pollutants which will result from burning of natural gas in gas turbines proposed for the CPP project. The emissions from the proposed project will contain small quantities of pollutants that are considered as air toxics under AQMD Rule 1401-New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants. These pollutants result from the burning of natural gas in the gas turbines. Therefore, a health risk assessment was performed to determine the health risk associated with this project. The health risk assessment uses some health protective assumptions in estimating actual risk to an individual person. The evaluation shows that the Maximum Individual Cancer Risk increase from the project is less than one-in-one-million. Also, acute and chronic hazard indices (HIA and HIC, respectively), which measure non-cancer health impacts, are less than the threshold of 1.0. These levels of estimated risk are below the threshold limits of AQMD’s Rule 1401(d) established for new or modified sources.
Please be advised that the AQMD has allocated significant staff and resources to ensure a thorough evaluation of the City of Anaheim’s permit applications and will continue to work diligently with all parties involved to ensure the protection of public health and safety.

In addition, the California Energy Commission (CEC), the state agency with primary licensing authority for power plants greater than 50 MWs, is also conducting a thorough evaluation to determine compliance of the proposed CPP project with all environmental laws and regulations. You may obtain information about the CEC licensing process for this project by contacting Eric Solorio (ESolorio@energy.state.ca.us), Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966.

I hope this information addresses the concerns raised in your petition. Again, the AQMD appreciates your comments regarding the Canyon Power Plant project. If you should have any further questions or need additional information, please call me at (909) 396-2578. If you are concerned primarily about zoning decisions and the process by which the facility has been sited in this location, please contact the Steve Sciortino (SSciortino@anaheim.net), City of Anaheim Public Utilities Dept., at (714) 765-5137, or Eric Solorio at the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

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cc: Steve Sciortino, City of Anaheim
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE CANYON POWER
PLANT PROJECT

Docket No. 07-AFC-9

PROOF OF SERVICE
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maria Santourdjian, declare that on April 17, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached South Coast Air Quality Management District Comments on Canyon Power Plant. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/canyon/index.html]. The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission’s Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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✓ sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Original Signature in Dockets
Maria Santourdjian