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Dear Ms. Worrall:

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 10 concerning the Construction and Operation Workforce for the Proposed Huntington Beach Energy Project. As Executive Secretary, I represent a council of 52 local unions in 14 Trades with 140,000 members. Our workforce is highly skilled in every aspect of construction. Here, please find our reply as requested.

You asked how the potential construction and operation workforce may impact population, housing and public services.

Specifically, you ask:

1. "How much of the workforce would be likely to seek lodging closer to the project site?"

Answer: Based on information from our local unions, we have more than sufficient numbers of members available within commuting distance of the project. Therefore, we do not anticipate any housing or public services impact from these workers. Our members live in Orange County and Los Angeles County, with some coming from surrounding counties. The recession has caused huge unemployment in our Trades, which is only starting to decrease, and our labor availability is high. This project begins in 2014. In 2014, we still anticipate a need for new projects to employ our members.

2. "What, if any, concerns do you have or problems you foresee about the project and associated labor needs?"

Answer: Your question concerns how we will ensure sufficient numbers of workers in coming years. In addition to the large number of workers who are available to work now and in 2014, the Trades operate substantial apprenticeship programs. Projects such as the Energy Project require a certain ratio of apprentices to journeyman members when staffing on the job site. Our apprentice programs are robust, with thousands of apprentices in training at any given time. Most apprentice programs last five years, ensuring that we have apprentices at all levels available for staffing.

In addition, you asked about major projects in Los Angeles and Orange Counties that may affect staffing for the Energy Project. At this moment, our members are on the job at various projects, but we continue to have unemployment from 15 to 40 percent in our local unions and are far from the level of economic activity necessary to sustain full employment. We urge the approval of the Huntington Beach Energy Project as a way to increase employment.

Sincerely,



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