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Commissioner James D. Boyd
Commissioner Robert Wiesenmiller
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
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RE: Oakley Generating Station Docket Number: **(09-AFC-4)**

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to the California Energy Commission (CEC) in support of the Oakley Generating Station (OGS) application currently pending before the Commission. My support of this project stems from the numerous environmental and economic attributes this project possesses. This highly efficient and highly flexible electrical generation project is important to meet the peak demands of Northern California and is one of the most viable projects pending before the CEC. With the recent approval from the CPUC of the modified purchase and sale agreement between Contra Costa Generating Station LLC and Pacific Gas and Electric Company approval of the OGS application is absolutely critical to the project's timely forward progress.

The Oakley Generating Station (OGS) is designed with the environment in mind. This facility will provide 614 MW of clean flexible generating capacity using fast start and rapid response technologies to fully harmonize with the unique load requirements of renewable generation including wind and solar. The OGS will be air cooled and will utilize the best available control technology to minimize its air emissions.

This project will be built at an existing brown field site to minimize environmental and community impacts, and it benefits from strong local support. When fully operational, the facility will directly contribute an estimated $10 million annually in local and state taxes, and an additional $3 million in local community benefits. This project will create approximately 730 construction and 22 full time new permanent jobs, providing an economic boost in a time when it is needed most.

Thank you for consideration of this request. I can be reached in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-1880 with any questions.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress

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