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Commissioner James Boyd
Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oakley Generating Station Application for Certification

Dear Commissioners Boyd & Weisenmiller,

I am Pocahontas (aka President) of WiChaKa Council #222 Improved Order of Red Man/Degree of Pocahontas. WiChaKa has been in Oakley for 75 years and we consider our organization to be an integral part of the community. We are a National Fraternal Order Chartered by Congress. We are a non-profit organization devoted to inspire a Great Love for the United States of America and the principles of American Liberty. Our National Charity is Alzheimer's, but at the end of the day, we simply try to make Oakley a better place to live.

In March of this year, the Oakley City Council entered into a Cooperation and Community Benefits Agreement with Contra Costa Generating Station LLC, the proponents of the Oakley Generating Station. We feel our elected officials negotiated an agreement that will benefit Oakley for years to come, allowing us to grow in a healthy, sustainable manner. Adequately planning for the future is very important to us because at build-out, our city will almost double in population, from 35,000 today, to 65,000. The truth is, Oakley doesn't have the retail or industrial base to support more city services. You might already know that, but what you might not know is that the non-profit community in Oakley is totally underserved. Not in terms of community support, not in terms of community need, but in terms of the number of legitimate companies we can partner with to really improve our community. I have firsthand knowledge of other cities in our county that have philanthropists who help sustain local non-profits. We don't have that in Oakley, never have.

Today, we have private industry trying to locate in our city. The proponents of the Oakley Generating Station have made a binding commitment to lay the foundation for a Community Benefit program, that if properly nurtured, could last 10, or 15 years, helping our city for years to come. In the non-profit community, we believe in supporting not only our own cause, but other people and initiatives that share our values. **We feel the proponents of the Oakley Generating Station share our values, and because of that, we urge you to quickly approve their application before you.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Shively

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60 year member WiChaKa Council #222 Improved Order of Red Man/Degree of Pocahontas in Oakley