September 11, 2012

California Energy Commission
Commissioner Karen Douglas
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Quail Brush Generation Project Application for Certification Docket No. 11-AFC-3

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 1213-02, adopted by the Santee School District Board of Education on September 4, 2012, opposing the construction of the Quail Brush Power Plant.

Respectfully,

Dr. Patrick Shaw
Superintendent

c: Eric Solorio, Staff Project Manager
San Diego City Council
Keith Till, Santee City Manager

Dianne Jacob, County Supervisor
Santee City Council
SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #1213-02
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE
QUAIL BRUSH GENCO LLC GENERATION POWER PLANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, an application for Certification has been submitted by Quail Brush Genco LLC to the California Energy Commission for the construction and operation of a 100-megawatt electrical generating facility ("Power Plant"); and

WHEREAS, the application is based on calculations claiming the area is all rural, with some sage brush and "no urban coefficients required" for the air quality calculations; and

WHEREAS, the location site is at the furthermost eastern border of the City of San Diego, just outside the City of Santee, which is an urban community of over 50,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Power Plant includes exhaust stacks, a radiator stack, a urea tank, a used oil tank, a new oil tank, a fire water tank, assorted exhaust vents, and a two-story building housing the generator bank in the City of San Diego's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Power Plant will emit hazardous emissions with unknown impact directly into the dense residential community and school environments of Santee,

WHEREAS, Santee School District has three (3) schools in close proximity to the proposed Power Plant location;

and

WHEREAS, the Santee School District owns land proposed for a future school site located approximately 1/2 mile from the proposed Power Plant site; and

WHEREAS, the Santee School District has established a Wellness Policy (BP 5030) as part of their health education program, promoting opportunities to be physically active on a regular bases; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to assure a high quality outside air environment for the children of Santee, both while in school and out of school; and

WHEREAS, the voters approved Proposition R in 2006, for Santee School District's Capital Improvement Program which includes the modernization of all schools and new classroom buildings at eight schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to protect the property values of homes in the Santee School District jurisdiction for the Prop R bonds assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to protect open land and parks in and around the Santee community for the benefit of the children and families of Santee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santee School District Board of Education does hereby formally oppose the currently proposed location of the Quail Brush Power Plant unless and until all effects of the proposal are fully disclosed, analyzed, and mitigated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the California Energy Commission and City of San Diego.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santee School District Board of Education at a regular meeting held this 4th day of September 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Dan Bartholomew, Dustin Burns, Dianne El-Hajj, Ken Fox
NOES: Barbara Ryan
ABSENT: None

I, Ken Fox, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santee School District, County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Clerk of the Board of Education  

9/4/12  

Date