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President Michael R. Peevey
Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon
Commissioner Mike Florio
Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval
Commissioner Mark J. Ferron
Public Utilities Commission
State of California
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Peevey and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge Yacknin and the Alternate Proposed Decision by Commissioner Ferron to deny a power purchase agreement for the Quail Brush project. I urge the Commission to formalize the recommendation of these decisions and vote to officially deny a power purchase agreement for Quail Brush.

As the Commission may be aware, the applicant for Quail Brush came before the San Diego City Council to request initiation of a community plan amendment to process the power plant as part of its California Energy Commission application. This request was unanimously denied by the Council. As I was not yet a seated member of the body when the vote occurred, I would like to take this opportunity to add my voice to the process and express my opposition to the Quail Brush power plant project.

The proposed power plant is located in the middle of designated open space lands and adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country. The location of a power plant in the middle of this tranquil area would forever alter the face of the landscape and prohibit the intended uses of the surrounding property from continuing and thriving.

Moreover, as is made clear in the aforementioned decisions, a new fossil fuel power plant is not needed in the San Diego region. The continuance of existing plants, coupled with the advancements being ushered in through renewable energy, make the Quail Brush project obsolete.

Commissioners, as I believe you can see, the Quail Brush project is clearly the wrong plant, at the wrong place, at the wrong time.

I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Scott Sherman
San Diego City Council, District 7

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