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Subject: Letter of Support for Quail Brush Generation Project

Dear CPUC Commissioners:

Please see the attached letter of support for the Quail Brush Generation Plant.

We appreciate your time and your consideration of this very important project for San Diego County.

Sincerely,

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To: California Public Utilities Commission
San Francisco Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

CC: California Energy Commission

Re: CONNECT Asks for Consideration of the Quail Brush Generation Project

As CEO of CONNECT, I would like to urge you that while the California Public Utilities Commission discusses the Pio Pico Energy Center, it also continue to consider plans for the Quail Brush Generation Project (Quail Brush). CONNECT is a San Diego region-wide organization that supports innovation in technology and the life sciences by providing resources to inventors and entrepreneurs. Since 1985 we have assisted in the formation and development of more than 3,000 companies.

CONNECT recognizes the potential of Quail Brush to fill the aggregated demand for power supply during peak periods and when renewable energy is unavailable. The absence of a fully reliable power supply in San Diego will dramatically impair business in the area, and can have especially ruinous effects on enterprises in the life sciences. San Diego is in need of the additional energy resources, and Quail Brush can supply clean energy necessary to meet the needs California's thriving businesses. Through the use of natural gas, Quail Brush will stimulate the region's transition into cleaner technology while providing reliability in resources.

We urge the Commission to protect all available megawatts (MW) and either approve the Quail Brush Project's contract now, or defer any decision until the duration and extent of the outage of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station is resolved. In addition, the upcoming months will reveal just how much energy our region needs as we sign on more and more renewable energy projects.

CONNECT also encourages the Commission to revise the Alternate Proposed Decision, an Interim Decision, because the record did not support the 219 MW reduction to San Diego's local capacity requirement given the lack of evidence in the record that demand response resources currently possess the necessary attributes to replace local generation.

With a strong track record in supporting infrastructure projects that enhance the reliability of SDG&E's grid, CONNECT supports raising SDG&E's local capacity requirement by at least 110 megawatts, which is roughly half the amount the Alternate Proposed Decision used for demand response resources. This figure would give some credit to demand response resources while allowing San Diego to develop the extra capacity that will lend added security to our power supply. Quail Brush is the right project to meet that need.

CONNECT supports Quail Brush and encourages the CPUC to set the Proposed Decision and Alternate Proposed Decision aside and either approve Quail Brush now or revisit the project after the California Energy Commission has made its final decision. San Diego will benefit tremendously from the added clean technology if the plant is approved. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Roth".

Duane Roth
CEO
CONNECT