March 4, 2013

Commissioner Michael Peevey, President
Commissioner Sandoval
Commissioner Mike Florio
Commissioner Mark J. Ferron
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman

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

Re: Support for Proposed Decision/Alternative Proposed Decision Application # 11-05-023

Dear Commissioners:

I strongly support both the Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge Hallie Yacknin and the Alternative Proposed Decision of Commissioner Mark J. Ferron in Application 11-05-023 to deny the authority of SDG&E to enter into purchase power tolling agreements with Pio Pico Energy Center and Quail Brush Power. Our region has the power it needs without building more fossil fuel plants, especially a power plant at Mission Trails Regional Park.

I agree with San Diego Mayor, Bob Filner, when he stated in a letter to Commissioner Mark J. Ferron that "better alternatives exist to meet our local energy resource needs – namely energy efficiency, demand response, distributed generation and combined heat and power. Such preferred resources help to protect human health and the environment, mitigate the impacts of climate change, meet state greenhouse gas reduction goals, and foster an innovation economy."

I am very much concerned with protecting our environment, children, and families from the harmful toxins that power plants bring into our communities. And as stated above, there are better ways, such as conservation, that will help to achieve our energy needs. The citizens of California have already made successful efforts to conserve energy. Let's not punish them for doing so successfully.

In asking you to reject SDG&E’s application, I join my voice to that of thousands of local residents, Democrat Assembly Member Marty Block, Republican Assembly Member Brian Jones, San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, and the San Diego City Council, who oppose the Quail Brush project.

Let's work together to find other ways of meeting our energy needs without expensive power plants that will unnecessarily pollute our environment.
Sincerely,

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