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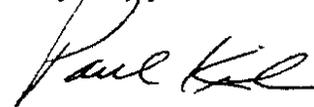
Re: Vernon Power Plant Project; Docket No. 06-AFC-4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210, enclosed herewith for filing please find copies of letters of support for the above-referenced project submitted to South Coast AQMD.

Please note that the enclosed submittal was filed today via electronic mail to your attention and to all parties on the CEC's current electronic proof of service list.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Kihm  
Senior Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: CEC 06-AFC-4 Proof of Service List (w/ encl.)  
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July 6, 2007

South Coast Air Quality Management District Board  
(SCAQMD)

RE: Vernon Power Plant

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the businesses of Bell Gardens, California and the Bell Gardens Association of Merchants & Commerce. We wish to express our support of the Vernon Power Plant proposal. Our communities are growing every year and each year we require more income to raise our families. To be able to grow, we need more businesses and they need more sustainable power.

The mitigation funds that will be generated from this project will not only help clean the air in our communities but will also help provide a better future for our cities. In the past, if we experience a blackout, our citizens would be told to go home for the rest of their shift and they would lose a vital day of income and production. Projects such as this one will boost the deliverable energy available to our small businesses therefore ensuring our proprietors and their employees with a full shift of work.

Our chamber is proud to support this project, not only for today but for the future needs of our business community. We understand that new, state of the art power plants are higher in efficiency as well as cleaner to operate.

With newer technologies we will have less adverse effects on the environment and improve the quality of life for everyone.

In closing, the Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce strongly urges the SCAQMD to approve this project for a cleaner and more efficient future for us today and tomorrow.

Sincerely

Dennis R. Grizzle  
Executive Director  
Bell Gardens Association of Merchants and Commerce



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July 9, 2007

Air Quality Management District Board Members  
21865 Copley Dr.  
Diamond Bar CA, 91765

South Coast Air Quality Management District Board (SCAQMD) Members:

As a Executive Director of JADE Family Services, I am sending this letter in support of the Vernon Power Plant proposal. As our community grows, develops, and changes there is an amplified need for clean air, reliable power, and good jobs. This facility will provide our community with all these things and more. This plant will endow our community with local trustworthy power that is generated cleaner than from the facilities we currently depended upon.

This project will allow commercial businesses and residents to feel comfortable with their source of energy. The plant produces energy at lower costs and emissions which benefits all members of the community.

Having power come from a local facility will provide residents with a reliable energy source so that their businesses can stay open and can continue without interruption even during peak energy consumption hours. The mitigation funding provided by this project for emission reduction programs improves the overall environment and help improve our local air quality.

As leaders and members of this community it is our responsibility to be conscious of the environment and the people in our community. We will benefit from The Vernon Power Plant proposal on all sides. We, the JADE Family Services are in support of the City of Vernon on this project.

Cordially,  
Marcos S. Vega

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MSV' with a stylized flourish.

Executive Director  
JADE Family Services



## CITY OF BELL GARDENS

7100 So. Garfield Avenue • Bell Gardens, California 90201  
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*FROM THE DESK OF COUNCILMEMBER MARIO E. BELTRAN*

"A City That Works"

July 10, 2007

Dr. William Burke, Chairman  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Dr. Burke,

As an elected representative of my city, I am writing in support of SCAQMD Rule 1309.1. I am aware of the desperate need for additional electrical power generation in Southern California. Thus, allowing power generation facilities to access the priority reserve and to purchase air credits from SCAQMD to off-set air pollution is a sensible thing to do.

More importantly, I support rule 1309.1 because it will create a much-needed funding source for reducing air pollution sources in our neighborhoods. I strongly support the new rule because it includes a directive to spend two-thirds of the funds generated by each new power generation facility in the immediate neighborhood to where the plant will be built. This policy will create millions of dollars for cities just like mine to help pay for cleaner municipal fleets, and it will allow our cities to target other mobile air pollution sources. These benefits will be felt not only by the residents of my city but also by residents throughout Southern California.

I encourage you to adopt the September 2006 version of Rule 1309.1. Please feel free to contact me at (562) 806-7754.

Yours truly,

Mario E. Beltran  
Councilmember  
City of Bell Gardens

- c. AQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga
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PRESIDENT AND CEO, F. Stephen Voss

July 11, 2007

Air Quality Management District Board Members  
21865 Copley Dr.  
Diamond Bar CA, 91765

Distinguished South Coast Air Quality Management District Board Members:

This letter is being sent in support of the Vernon Power Plant proposal on behalf of International Institute of Los Angeles - Senior Services Division. This new facility will provide the Southern California region and our communities with a reliable source of clean energy.

As our community continues to grow daily it is imperative that we have the resources to support it. This new facility will not only provide us with a consistent, reliable, and clean source of energy but it will also provide millions of dollars in mitigation funds to clean air emissions. These funds will grant us the ability and resources necessary to reduce the pollution in the region.

As an agency whose main concern is to assist our community, we are honored to support the project to bring a dependable source of clean energy to our area. We also realize that clean energy is crucial as pollution in all areas is a major concern, especially for the frail and elderly. This project will assist in phasing out older plants which are less efficient, more costly, and less clean. Relying on this plant for our energy needs ensures that we are using the cleanest, most efficient, and least expensive source of power.

It is our responsibilities to use and support the newest technologies that exist when they are readily available to improve our community. We, the International Institute of Los Angeles - Senior Services Division, are pleased and excited to work in support of the City of Vernon on this much needed and important project.

Respectfully,

Vicky Gutierrez  
Senior Services Director  
International Institute of Los Angeles



A UNITED WAY, INC. AND U.S. COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS MEMBER AGENCY



## CITY OF BELL GARDENS

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*FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR PRO TEM PEDRO ACEITUNO*

"A City That Works"

July 12, 2007

Dr. William Burke, Chairman  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Dr. Burke,

As an elected representative of my city, I am writing in support of SCAQMD Rule 1309.1. I am aware of the desperate need for additional electrical power generation in Southern California. Thus, allowing power generation facilities to access the priority reserve and to purchase air credits from SCAQMD to off-set air pollution is a sensible thing to do.

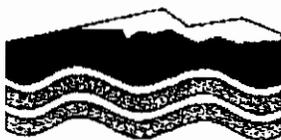
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I encourage you to adopt the September 2006 version of Rule 1309.1. Please feel free to contact me at (562) 806-7754.

Yours truly,

*Pedro Aceituno*

Pedro Aceituno  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Bell Gardens



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

July 12, 2007

Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Board Members:

I am sending this letter in support of the proposed Vernon Power Plant. As our community grows, develops and changes there is an amplified need for clean air, reliable power, and clean drinking water. This facility will help provide our region with each of these benefits and more.

The proposed Vernon Power Plant is also important for water supply reliability because it will help provide the dependable electrical energy necessary for the operation of water treatment and pumping facilities in the region. Such water facilities are crucial for a stable local economy and critically important to the protection of public health and safety.

Additionally, this power plant will be operated exclusively with recycled water. Utilizing recycled water at this facility will allow the region to improve the reliability of power supplies without placing additional demands on our already over-taxed drinking water resources. The use of recycled water at the power plant will save millions of gallons of limited drinking water for the region, help minimize our reliance on imported water and drastically reduce the amount of wastewater discharged into the ocean each year.

The construction of the Vernon Power Plant offers many benefits to our region. It will help achieve long-term energy and water supply reliability, support healthy economic growth and expand the beneficial use of recycled water. This is why I encourage you to adopt the September 2006 version of Rule 1309.I and make this project possible.

Sincerely,

Leon M. N. Garcia  
President

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In the Matter of: ) Docket No. 06-AFC-4  
)  
Application for Certification, ) **ELECTRONIC PROOF OF SERVICE**  
for the VERNON POWER PLANT PROJECT ) **LIST**  
by the City of Vernon )  
) (Revised July 10, 2007]  
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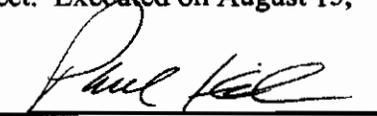
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Paul Kihm