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Re: MMC Energy Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce strongly supports MMC Energy's Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) and urges the California Energy Commission (CEC) to expedite the approval of this peaker. Local peaking power generation like the CVEUP is needed to support local demand for electricity, prevent blackouts and brownouts, and ensure a reliable supply for our businesses.

We have reviewed MMC's proposed CVEUP and the CEC's Preliminary Staff Assessment and concur that the proposed peaker can be constructed and operated without causing significant environmental impacts to the community and will conform with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards, with the proposed licensing conditions.

We also believe that the CVEUP is consistent with the City's General Plan and the applicable Redevelopment Plan for the area. The Peaker Upgrade will support the following objectives and policies of the General Plan: Maintain Main Street primarily as a limited industrial corridor, Encourage the preservation and expansion of existing industrial uses in areas designated as industrial, Ensure adequate energy supplies throughout Chula Vista, and encourage siting and design techniques that minimize community impacts and utilize the best available control technology to the greatest extent practicable.

Further, the proposal calls for the upgrade of an existing facility that is not a major source for hazardous air pollutants as defined by the Federal Clean Air Act and County of San Diego Air Pollution Control District rules. The CVEUP would not adversely impact air quality, create noise in excess of that allowed by City code, and would not significantly impact traffic. The Peaker would also further the IL zoning purpose by upgrading the existing peaker facility with cleaner more efficient

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equipment thereby reducing emissions per energy produced and continuing to provide and protect an environment free from nuisances.

Not only would the CVEUP present an improvement in efficiency and reduced emissions per electricity produced than the current peaker unit but it would also use significantly less water to operate which is another resource we need to conserve.

The peaker upgrade will benefit the City of Chula Vista by providing as many as 320 short-term construction jobs and bring new redevelopment dollars to the Southwest Community from a new capital investment of roughly 90 million. More than half the property tax revenue to San Diego County of \$ 855, 420 will go directly to the Chula Vista Redevelopment Agency, where it can be invested in improvements for the community, and another \$157,800 will go to the City of Chula Vista. Sale tax from construction would total \$139,500 and another \$23,250 of sales tax would be generated from operation. We appreciate the taxes and fees generated by such an investment in light of the budget challenges the City is facing because it will provide at least ten times the amount the City currently collects from MMC.

For these reasons, the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lisa Cohen
CEO