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San Diego Chapter

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Commissioner James Boyd
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: CEC-800-2009-001-PMPD

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DATE	<u>APR 09 2009</u>
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Dear Commissioner Boyd,

I am writing on behalf of Sierra Club San Diego Chapter, which has over 14,000 members in the San Diego region.

We are writing in support of the preliminary decision the California Energy Commission has issued regarding the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project. In particular, we agree with your conclusion that the project should be denied. We support your finding that, "the analysis of the PV alternative is insufficient to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Warren-Alquist Act, and their respective regulations." We are glad the Commission "will require a more in-depth analysis of the PV alternative by both Staff and Applicant." (p. 30)

We believe that solar PV is a viable alternative to peak time fossil fuel generation. It is most robust during peak need times, when the sun is shining. Unlike natural gas plants, solar PV does not add to local pollution, does not emit greenhouse gases, and does not kill fish. Its further development will help move the state towards its mandated goals regarding renewable energy development and greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Zechman
Chair, San Diego Chapter