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California Energy Commission  
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**Re: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (07-AFC-4)**

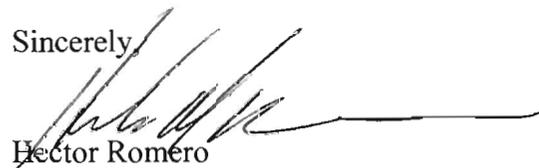
Dear Presiding Commissioner Boyd and Commissioners:

On behalf of HAR Construction, Inc., we would like to convey our support for the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) in Southwest Chula Vista and urge the California Energy Commission (CEC) to rule in favor of the proposed upgrade. If approved, the CVEUP will improve energy reliability in the region by almost doubling its energy generating capacity. The CVEUP will generate enough capacity to provide full service to approximately 60,000 homes in the area during periods of high demand in order to prevent power outages. Also, the upgraded peaker will operate cleaner and more efficiently than the existing peaker plant and with no significant impact to the environment and public health.

Additionally, the CVEUP will create 160 high paying jobs construction jobs would be created over an 8-month period and provide about \$8.9 million in construction and demolition payroll, at an average rate of \$58 per hour, including benefits. It will also require and use the services of local or regional firms for major maintenance and overhauls, plant supplies, and other support services throughout the life of the facility.

Assuming a capital cost of \$80 million, the CVEUP will generate close to one million dollars in taxes annually for the City of Chula Vista. The City has agreed to dedicate over \$10 million in tax increments generated from the CVEUP into four specific projects (Corridor enhancement, drainage improvement, a community park, and community connectivity) which were recommended by the immediate neighborhood in Southwest Chula Vista during public workshops and hearings worth a total of \$13.2 million.

Chula Vista needs to secure its energy future and the CVEUP contributes towards that purpose. The CVEUP also brings much needed jobs and tax revenue to a community and a local economy that is hurting right now and could only stand to benefit.

Sincerely,  
  
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 HAR Construction, Inc.