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March 10, 2008

Mr. Nicholas O. Bartsch
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
Public Advisor's Office
1516 9th Street, MS 12
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: KRCD Community Power Plant Project (Parlier, CA) **DOCKET # 07-AFC-7**

Dear Mr. Bartsch:

This is in regard to the above referenced project. The Selma City Council has taken the position of being opposed to the location of this power plant. Mr. Dennis Lujan, the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Selma and Mr. Michael Gaston, the Community Development Director for the City of Selma, attended the Energy Commission staff workshop in Parlier at the Kearney Research and Extension Center on March 6, 2008. During the workshop's public comment period, both Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and Mr. Gaston made verbal comments regarding the opposition of the City of Selma to the location of the new power plant at the proposed site on Bethel Avenue. The City does not feel this is an appropriate and environmentally sound location for this project. The following points were raised by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and Mr. Gaston:

1. There is an existing elementary school (Indianola School) located near the proposed power plant site on Dinuba Avenue. The chemical emissions from the power plant would diminish the Air Quality in the vicinity of the school and further degrade the health of children with respiratory health problems.
2. The project will cause significant traffic during construction and after completion which will significantly increase noise in the area and further degrade the Air Quality.
3. The City is currently in the process of updating its general Plan. The City's Planning Area Boundary extends to Bethel Avenue immediately across the street from the site. The power plant would be incompatible with planned

residential uses located within one-half mile of the site. This includes the planned Amberwood residential project which includes over 2,500 dwelling units.

4. The power plant has negative visual impacts and destroys the views within the area.
5. The power plant is a Heavy Industrial Type Land Use and is not compatible with surrounding farms and rural residences.
6. Noise issues when the plant is in operation and significant light and glare when the power plant is illuminated at night. This will disturb the peace and quiet of this rural area.

The City will have additional comments as this project moves through the permitting and environmental review process. Thank you for the opportunity to make verbal comments at the workshop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D-B Heusser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

D-B Heusser
City Manager