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Subject: Quail Brush Generation Project

California Public Utilities Commission,

The San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) urges the Commission to postpone making a final decision on the Quail Brush Generation Project until the California Energy Commission (CEC) completes its examination of the project, so that the Commission can consider further information about the need for Quail Brush.

SDCTA is dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective and efficient government and opposing unnecessary taxes and fees. We believe that these objectives are advanced when there is safe and reliable energy delivery. If the Commission were to approve either of the proposed decisions it has produced to date regarding the Quail Brush project, we are concerned that safe and reliable energy delivery may be threatened. While California utilities are transitioning their power supplies towards more renewable sources, these variable sources such as solar and wind power must be augmented with more traditional gas-fired generation. Natural gas powered peaker plants, such as Quail Brush, can come online quickly to address intermittency and improve reliability during peak demand. With the fate of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Stations (SONGS) uncertain, the study of additional power generators is even more critical.

SDCTA plans to review the CEC's staff assessment for the Quail Brush Generation Project when it is released later this year. It is important that the Commission reconsider its current proposed decisions on the project rejecting the Quail Brush contract and modify it so that the Commission can quickly act upon it if the CEC acts favorably on Quail Brush's pending application. That is the only way valuable time is not lost and detailed information can be reviewed to fairly assess the proposed project.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to withhold from final decision until the CEC has made their ruling. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (619) 234-6423 or lani@sdcta.org.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lani Lutar".

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