



City of Del Mar



December 18, 2013

President Michael R. Peevey and Commissioners
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioners Ferron, Florio, Peevey, Peterman, and Sandoval:

On behalf of the City of Del Mar, I wish to express our desire that San Onofre be replaced with clean energy resources rather than new fossil fuel power plants.

Like neighboring cities, Del Mar residents and businesses are enjoying the economic and environmental benefits afforded by clean resources such as energy efficiency, solar water heating, and rooftop solar. We do not wish to go backward with the addition of expensive, dirty power plants.

We are concerned that the recent proposal to approve new natural gas power plants would cost electricity customers billions of dollars and have a negative impact on our economic prosperity while creating only a few long-term jobs. The clean energy industry is thriving in our region. As our constituents are faced with the prospect of paying for the initial outage and decommissioning costs of San Onofre, we do not wish to see ratepayers burdened with the cost of new expensive energy that is not needed and does not grow our local economy.

In addition to higher electricity bills for our residents and businesses, we are concerned about the ramped up greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution that accompany natural gas plants. This, too, is a burden on our economic future and our health. The successful implementation of California's existing clean energy programs—energy efficiency, rooftop solar, energy storage, and smart grid technology—will continue meeting any shortfall that might exist. These resources can be implemented much faster than the time needed to construct additional gas plants, and they will be much less expensive.

Your strong support of local clean energy and climate protection has been admirable. You have made California the leading driver for clean energy in the nation and our economy and environment are stronger for it. We ask for your continued leadership in this arena as our state looks to replace San Onofre.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Haydu".

Lee Haydu
Mayor
City of Del Mar

