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Ms. Betty T. Yee
Chair, California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: SUPPORT EXTENSION OF CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION LEASE FOR DIABLO CANYON

Dear Chairperson Yee,

As the largest business organization in San Luis Obispo County, representing over 1,440 members that employ over 34,000 people in our county, the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce respectfully expresses our strong support for the extension of the California State Lands Commission lease for ocean intake and outfall at Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) to 2025 from 2018.

The economic footprint of PG&E and DCPP cannot be overstated; PG&E is the largest private employer in our county and DCPP is a vital economic engine, infusing over \$1 billion into the California economy. The employees of DCPP and their families are deeply integrated into the fabric of our community, serving on our nonprofit boards, in our schools and in our workplaces. The tax revenues and property taxes support our schools and our communities. And there are hundreds of local nonprofits and small businesses that rely on direct or indirect revenue generated by PG&E.

If the California State Lands Commission lease is not extended, DCPP will cease operations in 2018. This would have a devastating impact on our community.

Critical to transitioning our community will be to grow the local economy to absorb these uniquely skilled employees and the thousands of high-wage jobs that they provide. This requires time. Extension of the lease to 2025 will provide critical planning time for local government, higher education, local schools, businesses and nonprofits the opportunity to proactively envision the kind of future we want and transition to that vision. Supporting an extension will allow San Luis Obispo to avoid the kind of chaos that ensued upon the virtually overnight closure of the San Onofre facility.

PG&E and its cooperative agreements with organized labor and many leading environmental organizations have provided us a model of evolution to a renewable future. We urge you to extend the lease so that we can bridge to that future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ermina Karim".

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