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**Subject: Public input Re: proceedings A.18-07-013 and A.18-12-008**

Dear President Picker and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Central Coast region's business community, our coalition strongly urges the CPUC to fund the decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant in a way that benefits not only the local community, but also the State of California as a whole.

Our coalition has reviewed various testimony for this hearing, and we know that the technical review and adjudication task before the CPUC is significant. We have not conducted a technical review of the proposed decommissioning cost estimates. Rather, in consideration of the CPUC charter, we have identified outcomes which we believe should drive funding for the decommissioning efforts that are equitable to and in the interest of all California ratepayers.

We believe the interests of our economy, community and environment are aligned with the three outcomes our coalition is advancing: safety, efficiency and stewardship.

### **Safety**

The safe termination of operations and subsequent decommissioning activities is our chief priority. We request that the funding level support the highest degree of safety for the

expeditious transportation and responsible storage of spent nuclear fuel into permanent dry cask storage. The August 8, 2018 incident at San Onofre serves as an example of why appropriate redundancy, management, oversight and training cannot be undervalued. These activities must be properly funded and administered — including full funding to operate and maintain County offsite emergency services —to ensure operations are safe and reliable, and performed with excellence, rigor and to the highest level of public safety.

### **Efficiency**

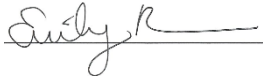
Timely and efficient decommissioning is in the interest of all Californians. Therefore, we urge that the planning and preparation necessary to ensure a smooth and immediate transition into decommissioning take place as soon as possible. Further, decommissioning activities should take advantage of the latest technology to quickly transition spent fuel to permanent dry cask storage, prioritizing the safest option for our community and California. Finally, ‘on time and under budget’ is the goal of every project but is rarely achieved; an inadequate trust fund could cause safety risk and irreversible delay in returning this land to the fully remediated and decommissioned state that is required. We urge for sufficient funding with an adequate contingency to quickly and efficiently decommission the site.

### **Stewardship**

Finally, we ask that you ensure our community’s current and future role as a steward of nuclear generation and storage be fairly considered in this proceeding. To this point, the decommissioning trust fund must be sufficient to allow for the full and complete demolition and remediation of the site at Parcel P. While site reuse is under consideration by the community and CPUC, there is nothing beyond ideation and speculation at this stage, and it would be irresponsible to assume the community will take on any liability for real property or equipment at the Parcel P site. Our community will not assume responsibility of any activity or asset at the Diablo Canyon site which could require obligatory maintenance, operation, security or funding.

Finally, for the purpose of this rate hearing, our coalition does not take a position on the specifics of PG&E’s 2018 Decommissioning Cost Estimate. Our coalition simply advocates that rates be set at the appropriate level to meet 100% of the anticipated costs required with a responsible contingency to decommission the site back to its original condition in a safe, efficient and respectful manner. Sufficient funding is critical to achieving these outcomes, as is the importance of the CPUC’s meticulous oversight.

Sincerely,



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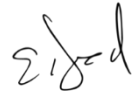
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