California Energy Commission
Bill Pfanner, Project Manager
1516 Ninth Street MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Bay Replacement Project Power Plant Licensing Project; 06-AFC-3

Dear Mr. Pfanner:

The City of Chula Vista appreciates the applicant's cooperation and efforts to assist the City and Port of San Diego with executing an open, transparent and inclusive public process for the removal of the South Bay Power Plant and pursuing its potential replacement. While there is more work to be done to accomplish those goals, the City looks forward to working with the Commission and all stakeholders to address the significant benefits and challenges to removing the existing power plant, and pursuing the project design that best complements the region's goals for a safe, reliable, cost competitive and environmentally appropriate energy supply for the future.

Chula Vistan's are counting on the applicant's continued cooperation to address potential infrastructure, safety, disaster preparedness, environmental, regional energy and Bay Front Master Planning issues. Attached is a letter from the City Fire Marshal addressing their specific needs regarding the Application for Certification (AFC). The City is particularly interested in helping the community understand the "duct firing," component, what environmental impacts it may generate and how it can help eliminate the proliferation of "peaking facilities," proposed for some of our most sensitive neighborhoods. The City is also interested in pursuing potential opportunities for the project to complement the National Energy Center for Sustainable Communities in Chula Vista and the City's commitment to green house gas reductions.
Chula Vista encourages your timely review of the AFC and your support to continue an open, transparent and inclusive process for this major project within our community. If you have any questions or if we can be of help, please feel free to call me. We want to thank you and the Commission again for your time, consideration and past support for pursuing the most reliable, cost effective and environmentally beneficial resources for our energy future.

Sincerely,

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Director, Conservation &
Environmental Services
(619) 409-5870

Cc:    Mayor & Council
       Jim Thomson, City Manager
       Laurie Madigan, Assistant City Manager
       Ann Moore, City Attorney
       B.B. Blevins, Executive Director, CEC
Address: South Bay Power Plant Replacement Project

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Checker: Gipson

The following list does not necessarily include all errors and omissions.

INITIAL COMMENTS:

1. The fire and life safety portions of this project shall be managed by a third party licensed fire protection engineer (FPE). This engineer shall be the liaison to the Chula Vista Fire Department for both the demolition and construction phases of this project.

2. This on-site project engineer shall perform technical reviews and inspections and provide approving recommendations to CVFD for all applications, proposals, reports, and other items as deemed necessary. This would also include all items contained within the "Application for Certification".

For questions regarding these comments, please contact Justin Gipson, Fire Marshal via ph. (619) 409-5841 or E-mail: jgipson@ci.chula-vista.ca.us

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