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November 20, 2017

Michael Picker, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Application 16-08-006—Proposed Decision—Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of the Retirement of Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Implementation of the Joint Proposal, and Recovery of Associated Costs Through Proposed Ratemaking Mechanisms.**

Dear Commission President Picker:

As the two California State Legislators who represent San Luis Obispo County, we are compelled to respond to the recent Proposed Decision and subsequent recommendation to the California Public Utilities Commission Board about the decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

We are extremely disappointed to see the original Joint Proposal was not upheld in its entirety, specifically the proposed decision's denial of the \$85 million allocation to the Community Impacts Mitigation Program, the financial reduction to the severance of the Employee Retention Program, and the potential consequential impacts on the parties' historic commitment to conversion of Diablo's energy generation capacity to a safe, renewable energy portfolio.

This letter is to express our unwavering support for the original Joint Proposal because of the importance of implementing all aspects to the agreement, such as employee retention benefits, protecting local schools from declining revenues, planning for the orderly replacement of renewable energy, and mitigation for the economic losses to the Central Coast. The greater San Luis Obispo region will be dramatically impacted by the decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant and the original Joint Proposal provides the best avenue to prepare for all associated impacts.

We believe that the original Joint Proposal among all associated parties serves the best interest of the local communities, workers, environment, and ratepayers. We urge the California Public Utilities Commission Board to adopt the original Joint Proposal, and to explore any and all possible funding mechanisms to safeguard Central Coast communities impacted by the closure of Diablo Canyon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Cc: California Public Utilities Commission Board Members