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**Re: Palmdale Power Plant – Support**

Governing Board Members  
Antelope Valley AQMD  
43301 Division Street, Suite 206  
Lancaster, CA 93535

Dear Governing Board Members,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) – representing over 100 business groups with more than 250,000 business owners across our region – we are writing to support the proposed Palmdale Power Plant as a vitally needed project that will improve reliability of our region's energy system.

This project will produce nearly 600 MW of electricity - enough to supply approximately 500,000 homes - **and will help hold down the costs of generating electricity system-wide.** In addition the Palmdale Project will be a quick-start unit that will be able to help provide the generation flexibility needed to help manage the growing portfolio of intermittent solar and wind generation.

**The project also achieves co-equal goals of environmental and economic advances.** The Conditions of Certification ensure the project will neither result in, nor contribute substantially to, any significant direct, indirect, or cumulative adverse environmental impacts.

Meanwhile, it also will bring enormous benefits to the Antelope Valley. Some of those benefits include:

- Over its three-year construction period, **more than 600 skilled, union construction jobs** will be created, overwhelmingly drawn from the local communities.
- Once the project is complete, **35 direct, permanent jobs** will be employed at the plant itself. These are skilled, high paying jobs, with benefits and longevity. In addition, these employees will live in and contribute to the local community.
- Approximately \$3 million dollars a year from the plant's operating budget will be spent directly in the local economy.
- The project will spend **\$3-5 million on the paving of 4-6 miles of roads** to reduce particulate emissions, much of which are in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- The project will also pay for the construction of a regional reclaimed water trunk line at a cost of some \$20 million which will benefit both Palmdale and Lancaster.
- **Upwards of \$27 million will be paid to the City of Palmdale** as a result of selling the project to Summit Power, which will allow for an expansion of expansive general fund programs such as law enforcement and parks programs.

This proposed plant represents a reasonable and much-needed addition to our region's energy infrastructure, economy and environment.

BizFed urges your support of this project, and looks forward to working with you toward approval.

Sincerely,

LaDonna DiCamillo  
BizFed Chair  
Lona Beach Area Chamber

David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair  
Latham & Watkins LLP

Tracy Rafter  
BizFed CEO  
IMPOWER. Inc.

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Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities  
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Asian American Business Women Association  
Asian Business Association  
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Beverly Hills/Greater LA Association of Realtors  
British American Business Council  
Building Industry Association, LA/Ventura  
Building Owners & Managers Association, LA  
California Apartment Association, LA  
California Contract Cities Association  
California Independent Bankers  
California Metals Coalition  
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Central City Association  
Center for International Trade Development  
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Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition  
Construction Industry Coalition for Water Quality  
Employers Group  
Entrepreneurs' Organization LA  
Fixing Angelenos Stuck In Traffic (FAST)  
FuturePorts  
Gateway to LA  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
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Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors  
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So Cal Minority Business Development Council  
South Asian Business Alliance Network  
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South Park BID  
Southland Regional Association of Realtors  
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors  
Valley Economic Alliance  
Valley Economic Development Center  
Valley Industry Association  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Valley International Trade Association  
West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors  
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