



February 11, 2022

City of Glendale  
613 E. Broadway, Suite 200  
Glendale, CA 91206

RE: Long-Term Contract for Natural Gas Power

Dear Mayor Devine and Councilmembers:

As both the author of SB 100 (2018) and the Los Angeles City Councilmembers bordering the City of Glendale we write to urge you and the Glendale City Council to postpone action on proposals to restart Grayson Power Plant and biogas project at Scholl Canyon to give representatives from Glendale Water & Power (GWP) and Los Angeles Department of Power (LADWP) an opportunity to meet and discuss alternatives to those two projects.

We fully appreciate the fundamental duty you have as an elected official to ensure your constituents have access to reliable, cost-effective power. While we are facing significant challenges meeting that fundamental obligation in this era of dangerous climate change, these pressures also offer unique opportunities. The transition to clean energy is certainly daunting, but as the City of Los Angeles' careful analysis done by the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) proves it can be done faster than mandated by SB 100 and done in a cost-effective manner. This transition to clean energy also presents significant economic opportunities to create good paying jobs in the energy sector.

While LADWP has a large number of significant challenges ahead, we are confident in our ability to transition the City of Los Angeles to 100% clean energy by 2035. Doing so will require enormous undertakings to modernize our transmission lines and shore up in-basin clean energy production to ensure reliability in case of natural disasters. LADWP is also undergoing a major shift in its primary focus from just powering homes and businesses to powering transportation. Moving from fossil fuels to clean energy in our transportation sector will revolutionize California's economy and be the single most important clean air endeavor ever undertaken.

We mention these efforts both as a recognition of the difficult challenges ahead, but also as a clear-eyed reflection that we really have no choice but to undertake these challenges. This leads us to Glendale's ongoing discussion of entering into long-term contracts for gas-powered plants at Grayson and Scholl Canyon. We understand that Glendale is searching for approximately 100 megawatts of energy for the remainder of this decade. We are confident that GWP and LADWP can reach a series of agreements to avoid having to backtrack on our climate goals while offering your constituents reliable cost-effective energy they're entitled to.

Assuming your Council is willing to delay action on long-term contracts for fossil fuel energy and provide the two municipal utilities the opportunity to engage in a substantive discussion of alternatives to gas-powered energy, we will strongly encourage LADWP to engage in that conversation in a very serious way.

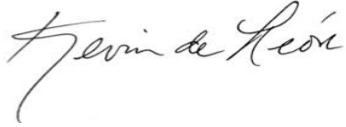
As part of the same Balancing Authority Area (BAA) this decision is in the interest of both cities and their municipal utilities. I believe meeting the obligations of SB 100 and creating our clean energy future will require cooperation of all the parties under that balancing authority. Moreover, transforming our transmission lines to meet our future needs will be strengthened by collaboration between the members of the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA).

Our cities sit in an extreme non-attainment area for ozone and particulate matter 2.5. That pollution causes thousands of premature deaths every year and sends hundreds of our constituents to hospitals, many of them children suffering from uncontrolled asthma, during a pandemic that's been overwhelming our health care system. All the members of SCPPA, including LADWP and GWP, must make investment in clean energy technologies and battery storage a focal point of their energy futures.

While our cities certainly face unique challenges, they're both committed to a clean energy future. We hope your Council will pause discussion of gas-powered energy to

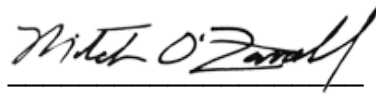
give our respective utilities the opportunity to engage in good faith discussions on how to meet your energy needs without adversely impacting ratepayers in either city.

Sincerely,



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Councilmember, 13th District



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