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October 29, 2009

Mason Willrich
Chair
Board of Governors
California Independent System Operator Corporation
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Re: Decision on extending existing RMR contract for Mirant Potrero through 2010

Dear Chair Willrich

As a San Franciscan and member of the legislative delegation representing the City and County of San Francisco, I write today to urge the Board not to support extending the existing Reliability Must-Run (RMR) contract for the Mirant Potrero Power Plant and allow the plant to finally to shut down.

After years of debate and struggle, the community, the City, and the Potrero plant operator have come to an agreement on how to close the City's oldest remaining power generation facility while still meeting San Francisco's electricity reliability needs. Now it is time for Cal ISO to act on its prior commitment to release Potrero Unit 3 from its RMR contract upon commercial operation of the Transbay Cable, which is expected in March 2010.

In addition, all remaining units at the Potrero plant should be released in 2010 given further operating procedures and ratings PG&E has provided, and the lower projections of electricity load being served by the 115 kV substations in San Francisco.

San Francisco has waited too long to see the Potrero plant closed. Now that transmission improvements and load projections have combined to make local generation unnecessary, I urge the Board to listen to the community and help make the closure a reality.

If my office can be of any additional assistance, please contact my District Office Director, David Burruto, at 650-340-8840.

Sincerely,

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