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RE: Final Technologies Assessment for Existing Once-Through Cooling System Report No. 25762-000-30R-G01G-00010, Bechtel Power Corporation. Report issued September 20, 2013

Dear California State Water Board,

The Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) is located in San Luis Obispo California, and was formed under the guidelines of California Senate Bill 18 April 26, 2006 as a California State Recognized Tribal Government by the California Native American Heritage Commission, organized and dedicated to preservation of the California Native American Chumash Culture, and Sacred Sites. NCTC is dedicated to meaningful consulting with Federal, State, local governments and agencies, consulting with the development community, and supporting tribal community well-being.

I and the members of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) have lived on this land in San Luis Obispo County for over 20,000 years continually. We have deep roots with the land, ocean and waters. NCTC is engaged with federal, state and local government concerning all land use issues in San Luis Obispo County. The Bechtel Corporation report issued September 20, 2013 for Final Technologies Assessment for existing once-through cooling systems makes the statement on page 150, second paragraph, "All cooling tower layout location foot prints avoid the Indian burial grounds." This statement is not accurate.

NCTC has review all archaeological maps of our Sacred Places and Sites for this area and found that the proposed project will impact registered and unregistered Sacred Places and Sites, burial grounds, and California Native American Cultural Landscape. To the best of our knowledge Bechtel Power Corporation did not have meaningful consultation dialog with the local California Indigenous Peoples, and therefore NCTC does not give Bechtel Power Corporation or PG& E permission to move forward with this proposed plan. The continued destruction of Chumash Cultural Places or Sacred Sites at this project site is not acceptable nor is the continued use of once-through-cooling for its ongoing destruction of our sacred maritime community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Collins, Tribal Administrator, Northern Chumash Tribal Council

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