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Dear Monterey Bay Community Power Ratepayer Representatives,

The Sierra Club would like Monterey Bay Community Power to know Sierra Club environmental policy in regards to nuclear energy.

The Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) web site claims it “is committed to clean energy at a lower cost and local control”. Accepting a 20% nuclear power allocation without notifying ratepayers does not adhere to MBCP’s guiding principles.

We urge you to reverse this decision and recommit to using clean energy. At minimum, send notification to all ratepayers explaining that Monterey Bay Community Power is considering the use of 20 % nuclear energy so the community understands the change in your policy.

Sierra Club Nuclear Energy Policy:

The Sierra Club does not support nuclear energy and supports closure of existing nuclear power plants and fuel chain facilities as soon as possible.

The Sierra Club supports clean energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Clean energy and energy efficiency are not only much cheaper than nuclear but also increasingly are ready to scale up to replace nuclear without the need for natural gas.

The nuclear industry understands that many of their plants are no longer economically competitive and are desperately trying to secure bailouts and subsidies and rebrand nuclear as a low carbon form of clean energy.

Guiding Energy Resources Policy:

Nuclear power is not safe, affordable or clean.

Nuclear plants should be retired upon the expiration of their licensed operating period, and should be shut down immediately if significant safety, security or environmental threats are found.

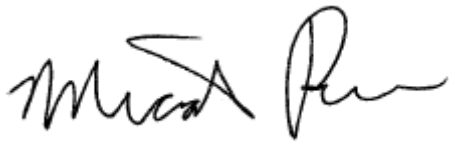
The Sierra Club supports the systematic reduction of society's dependence on nuclear fission as a source of electric power and recommends a phased closure and decommissioning of operating commercial nuclear fission electric power reactors.

High-Level Radioactive Waste (HLRW)

The permanent isolation of HLRW from the environment confirms the Sierra Club in its belief that the generation of further HLRW should be curtailed. There is an urgency of closing existing, risky nuclear facilities because of the risks posed to communities and the environment from HLRW.

(From [Sierra Club policy 2017](#))

Please reverse your decision or explain to your ratepayers this change in your energy policy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Posner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Micah" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Posner".

Micah Posner, Executive Committee Chair

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