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President Michael R. Peevey
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RE: Application No. A.09-02-013 PG&E Fuel Cell Project

Dear President Peevey and Commissioners:

I am writing to express the continuing support and interest of California State University East Bay (Cal State East Bay) for PG&E's Fuel Cell Project. As you may know, we at Cal State East Bay have been very excited about the great opportunities such a project has for our University and our region. This Fuel Cell project will assist the University in meeting two of our important regional goals, that is, providing a well prepared workforce for the region and contributing to the economic vibrancy of the region. We are very pleased to participate in PG&E's demonstration project because Cal State East Bay is a leading proponent of sustainable development and green energy. Having a fuel cell on campus will provide an operating example of sustainable energy generation for our faculty to use in their instruction. We intend to incorporate this project into our broad multidisciplinary sustainable-green curricular offerings. Students will have the opportunity to view directly a functioning fuel cell and faculty will be able to conduct research-based learning for faculty to work with both undergraduate and graduate students in a wide spectrum of disciplines ranging from Biology to Engineering and Energy Management. In addition, such a facility on campus will allow the faculty to attract students who are interested in careers in green energy and provide hands on experience in working with advanced fuel cell technology. Descriptions of our curriculum and our academic proposal have been provided to PG&E and outline a very extensive instructional and research agenda.

I cannot overemphasize the importance this project has to Cal State East Bay. We welcome the opportunity for the Hayward Campus to be used as a demonstration site for potential commercial users. We at Cal State East Bay have enjoyed a long standing collaborative partnership with PG&E and are confident that PG&E will provide quality service throughout the development and operation of this project. Therefore, the University is fully supportive of PG&E owning, operating, and maintaining the fuel cell facility on campus, and we continue our support and interest for this valuable project.

Sincerely yours,

Mohammad H. Qayoumi
President