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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:

On behalf of San Francisco State University, I want to reiterate the University's full support and commitment for the PG&E Fuel Cell Project proposed to be sited at SF State. The Fuel Cell project promises to be an excellent example of a successful public-private partnership, while serving as a major educational resource, for the entire Bay Area educational and research communities.

SF State is rapidly establishing itself as a national leader in sustainability and programs that advance Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In this regard, the on-site availability of two operational fuel cells, with different technologies (molten carbonate and solid oxide), will offer a unique and invaluable educational resource for education and work force development for both SF State and other Bay Area educational institutions. The Fuel Cell Project will offer a multitude of instructional and research opportunities accomplished through collaboration between PG&E, fuel cell manufacturers and the University. Virtual access to the fuel cell operating parameters will allow students and researchers to study processes and efficiencies, while physical access will enable students to view the actual process, equipment and components that convert natural gas into electricity and heat in a combustion-free process. In regard to operational efficiencies, the Fuel Cell Project promises to be a successful demonstration of distributive electrical cogeneration by PG&E with full use of the waste heat by the University.

This project promises to serve both as an effective educational and research resource and serve as an example of a successful, mutually beneficial public-private partnership. It has the full support and commitment of the University for a successful implementation.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Corrigan
President