



Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
"OUR MEMBERS: PARTNERS PRODUCING PROSPERITY"

May 1, 2013

Honorable Michael R. Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Olam West Coast (Gilroy Foods)

Dear President Peevey,

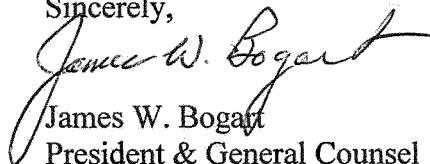
On behalf of more than 325 agricultural members encompassing Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties, I would like to express our support for the contract pending before the California Public Utilities Commission for capacity from Calpine Corporation's Gilroy Cogen electric generation facility to Olam West Coast in Gilroy.

Since 1988, Gilroy Cogen has provided steam to Gilroy Foods and Flavors, now owned and operated by Olam. This facility is integral to our agricultural industry in providing food processing and dehydration services for growers in the Central Coast region. It is essential for shippers and handlers to have access to locally situated processing facilities. Calpine has the proven capability to provide reliable and cost effective steam services in order to further support our Central Coast growers.

California agriculture is a 44 billion dollar industry and has been the #1 agricultural producer of food and fiber in the U.S. for more than 60 consecutive years. Our member counties contribute significantly to the economic viability of this industry which supports more than 81,000 family farms and ranches throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



James W. Bogart
President & General Counsel

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Honorable Carla Peterman, Commissioner, CPUC
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