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Dear Chief Watson:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) License Termination Plan that was recently submitted for your consideration by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The plan submitted by PG&E is a well-thought out approach to addressing the challenges of decommissioning the former nuclear power generation station in a manner that is safe for the local community and the environment.

A critical element of the decommissioning plan includes a proposal to remove all the underground structures associated with the former Unit 3 nuclear facility, including the caisson. We support this proposal as it will help protect the local environment. Humboldt County is unique and the Humboldt Bay is one of our greatest treasures and most important natural assets. Removing the caisson and all associated underground structures will help to ensure the long-term wellness of the Bay and the Humboldt community. PG&E's decision to remove the caisson came in response to significant local input on the matter, and we appreciate their responsiveness to community feedback on this important issue.

We appreciate the critical role the Commission plays in the decommissioning process and we thank you for taking the time to carefully consider the proposals outlined in the HBPP License Termination Plan. We look forward to the Commission's formal approval of the plan so that PG&E can enter the final phase of the plant decommissioning. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sundberg, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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