

NEWPORT BANNING RANCH

December 15, 2012

California Coastal Commission
South Coast District
Attn: Karl Schwing
200 OceanGate, 10th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4302

Re: Coastal Development Permit Application
Newport Banning Ranch

Dear Mr. Schwing:

Aera Energy LLC and Cherokee Newport Beach, LLC (together, "Property Owner"), herein authorize Newport Banning Ranch LLC to file and process a Coastal Development Permit application with the California Coastal Commission for the above referenced property.

Further, Property Owner designates the following Newport Banning Ranch LLC representatives as authorized representatives for the purposes described above:

1. George L. Basye – glbasye@areaenergy.com
2. Michael A. Mohler – mohler@brooks-street.com

This authorization may be executed in separate counterparts.

Respectfully,

Aera Energy LLC

By: George L. Basye Vice President 12/11/12
Name Title Date

Cherokee Newport Beach, LLC

By: Bret Bartholme Vice President 12/17/12