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April 12, 2012

Ron Nichols, General Manager
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111 North Hope Street
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED POWER DISTRIBUTION STATION NEAR MARQUEZ CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Nichols:

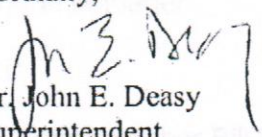
It has come to my attention that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) will be preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) for a proposed power distribution station within the Pacific Palisades community.

Recently, our staff contacted DWP representatives to inquire about the project and timeline for the preparation of the EIR. The District was informed that a site located immediately adjoining Marquez Charter School was under consideration, although no preferred project location has been selected at this time.

Please note that the District respects the right of your agency to take discretionary action deemed necessary to provide electrical service to the community. However, school staff, parents of students and the community surrounding Marquez Charter School have expressed overwhelming concern with the prospect of locating a new power distribution station next to their school. I also share their concern and ask that you direct DWP staff to eliminate this site from further consideration, preferably to a site away from our schools and students.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact John Sterritt, Office of Environmental Health and Safety Director, Los Angeles Unified School District, at (213) 241-3199.

Cordially,


Dr. John E. Deasy
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