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MIRANT POTRERO LLC SUSPENDS APPLICATION TO EXPAND POWER PLANT ENVIRONMENTALISTS OPPOSED TO UPGRADE DECLARE WIN

San Francisco, CA --- Mirant Potrero LLC requested that the California Energy Commission suspend its application to more than double its current 360-megawatt Potrero Power Plant in San Francisco. Environmental groups, who opposed the increase due to the added pollution the new facility would have produced, are pleased with the decision.

"We're very happy that Mirant has finally thrown in the towel on this project and realized that this is not a fruitful use of its shareholder's money," said Tiffany Schauer, Executive Director of Our Children's Earth. "This is a win-win situation. Southeast San Francisco can literally breathe a little easier."

Mirant Potrero LLC, a direct subsidiary of Mirant Corporation, was seeking approval to construct Potrero Power Plant Unit 7 at the site of the current 360-megawatt Potrero Power Plant in San Francisco. Unit 7 would have been a natural gas-fired, combined-cycle electric generating facility capable of producing 540 megawatts.

Our Children's Earth and The Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice, represented by the Golden Gate University Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, formally filed a petition to oppose the expansion. They were joined by the City of San Francisco, whose cooperation was necessary for the completion of the project. Earlier this year, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to urge Mayor Willie Brown and his administration to not assist the project.

"The construction of this larger fossil fueled power plant that would constantly spew pollution into the air adjacent to a low income community of color is not acceptable in San Francisco's Southeast community," said Alan Ramo, Director of the Golden Gate University Environmental Law and Justice Clinic. "We are pleased that this proposal is off the table. Hopefully now the Community and the City, with Mirant's cooperation, can find a more environmentally friendly alternative."

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