

I, Aaron Deguzman, declare:

1. I am a Radio Engineer with the Riverside County Sheriff's Public Safety Enterprise Communications Department (Petitioner). If called as a witness, I can testify to the following based on my personal knowledge.
2. I am familiar with and have reviewed the petition filed in support of Case No. 6229-4 and specifically with the equipment at issue in this petition, Internal Combustion (IC) Engine (P/O G02627) located at 488 Elsinore Heights, Lake Elsinore, CA92530 Facility ID# 159361).
3. Riverside County Sheriff's Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) is a public entity that provides communications to and from dispatchers for both law enforcement and many first responder entities throughout Riverside County.
4. In support of the findings required to grant this interim variance:
  - a. On or about May 7th, 2026, an unforeseen power loss occurred due to the site being vandalized leaving the site on emergency generator power. On May 14<sup>th</sup> Riverside County was able to restore power which kept the County within the allotted run time of 200 hours per year.
  - b. As a result of the vandalism, the Riverside County Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) Ridge Road site was left powered by an emergency generator for nearly a week due to sourcing materials and repairs needed to return the site to commercial power. Most if not all resources were engaged to support law enforcement and first responders alike.

- i. The Ridge Road communications site provides encrypted public safety radio coverage for Murrieta Fire, Police, and Riverside County Sheriff amongst interagency travelers.
- c. During my time in this role, I have worked with AQMD Counsel to accomplish the goals of a petition for variance on one other occurrence. In hopes that PSEC would be able to rectify the power issue at Ridge Road before the 200 hours was reached we waited 1 1/2 days before the site would reach the allotted hours. Fortunately, PSEC was able to source most of the material and was able to restore power on May 14<sup>th</sup> before reaching 200 hours. The permitted generator has run a total of 186.7 hours as of the date of this declaration. The petition for variance was requested due to fact that by the end of the year with nothing more than the regular service and weekly exercise the generator will fall out of compliance, particularly due to the fact that the summer marks the beginning of fire season.
- d. Replacements for the missing and stolen parts were ordered on May 8, 2026 and were installed on May 14, 2026. However, even with newly installed parts, there will only be 13.3 hours left on the engine through the end of 2026. Historically, the County has needed to run this engine over its allotted hours due to fire-related emergencies during this time of year. With only 13.3 hours left on the engine it is likely that the County will be in violation of its permitted limit soon.
- e. The benefit of keeping the engine operational outweighs turning it off due to air contaminants. The engine maintains essential communications, and the generators are located a significant distance away from any residential or business areas. At this time the County is maintaining compliance with the Ex Parte

Variance and, if the Interim Variance is granted, plans to continue compliance with the District's proposed conditions. This includes running the IC engine for no longer than the 1 hour allotted per month for maintenance and testing. We monitor the generator with an alarm system that alerts us when it is running and when it shuts off.

- f. On May 14, 2026, the new main fuse was installed and utility power was automatically restored by the automatic transfer switch to Ridge Road. . The generator's current hours is 186.7 hours for the 2026 calendar year. The variance requested is for future potential emergency use.
- g. If not granted, a large portion of I15 freeway and covering the West side of the I15 in the Lake Elsinore surrounding area, could face a lack of critical communication during a power outage, which is more likely now that fire season has started. Maintaining communication is essential for law enforcement and first responders.
- h. The County has also filed for a Regular Variance, scheduled to be heard on July 28th, 2026.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 in Riverside, California.

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