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UA Local Union: **823 Plumbers & Pipefitters**

Subject: **Resolution**

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United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 823

WHEREAS, Chase Power is proposing the Las Brisas Energy Center, which includes the construction and operation of a 1200 megawatt power plant in corpus Christi, powered by combustion of petroleum coke; and

WHEREAS, This project will employ thousands of construction workers at a time when the local and national economy are suffering; and

WHEREAS, Many members of United Association Local Union 823 workers are willing and available for this work and posses the unique and highly quality skills needed to construct this project, and

WHEREAS, This project will be fueled by petroleum coke, which otherwise is a low-value refinery waste product, thereby reducing costs to local refineries and helping preserve their economic sustainability in the difficult economic climate, and

WHEREAS, If this petroleum coke was exported overseas and used to fuel power plants that employ inferior pollution controls, it would cause far greater air pollution and global warming impacts than if the petroleum coke is consumed by the efficient Las Brisas project, and

WHEREAS, The Las Brisas Energy Center will control air pollution with a fluidized-bed boiler, with Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction, with Flue Gas Desulfurization, and a baghouse, all of which are highly efficient and the Best Available Control Technologies, and

WHEREAS, The Las Brisas Energy Center will carefully insure compliance with its air permit conditions through Continuous Emissions Monitoring, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 823 by this resolution, SUPPORTS construction and operation of the Las Brisas Energy Center, and SUPPORTS issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration air permit, and other permits, to allow the Las Brisas Project to proceed.

ADOPTED ON THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 BY THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION 823.

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