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UA Local Union: **UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 114**

Subject: **UA Local 114 Announces Support for Aera Energy Project**

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BUELLTON –The Santa Barbara chapter of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters today announced its support for Aera Energy’s East Cat Canyon Oil Field Redevelopment Project located southeast of Santa Maria.

“The hardworking women and men of UA Local Union 114 are proud to support Aera’s project that will generate locally produced energy, at a facility built by local labor, that will create local jobs going forward,” said Michael G. Lopez Business Manager of U.A. Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 114.

According to a report by the UC Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project, Aera’s East Cat Canyon project will result in more than \$1 billion in economic activity and will create well-paying jobs for workers, as well as income for local businesses.

UA Local 114’s leaders also cited Aera’s commitment to worker safety as another reason for supporting the project.

“We share Aera’s commitment to safety and back it up with extensive worker preparation, training, and support which will ensure that the project will employ the safest, most skilled and highly trained workforce in the industry”, said Lopez.

A hearing on the Aera project’s environmental impact report (EIR) is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th in Santa Maria.