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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: California Energy Commission

FROM: Larry Manion (Channel Islands California Seabridge Resident)

SUBJECT: NRG CALIFORNIA SOUTH, LP ELECTRIC POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION

June 2, 2015

Reviewing authority:

As a resident of the Channel Islands Harbor Seabridge Community, I want to offer my support for the continued operation/new construction of the Oxnard California NRG electric power plants located at Mandalay (3 units) and Ormond Beach (2units). In my opinion, these are vitally important to our communities and present no environmental danger to our beaches or surrounding neighborhoods. After reviewing articles related to recent Oxnard City Council meetings, it is evident that activists opposing the NRG construction proposal voice their usual concerns regarding land use, pollution, noise issues, Global Warming and rising seas. I respectfully disagree with these individuals and sincerely hope NRG is successful with constructing these new state of the art power generating plants. Accordingly, I submit the following questions for your review and clarification:

- I'm unaware of any environmental problems or safety issues posed by the NRG plants throughout the past fifty six years. Could you please clarify this issue?
- Activists claim NRG power plants have ingested massive amounts of fish while using their original salt water cooling systems. I'm unable to locate any data addressing this subject matter. I would assume the original plants were designed to minimize the amount of sea life ingestion through suction pipes. It is also well known that saltwater steam power plants have long been credited with increasing the fish population. This was due to the circulation of clean warm water from the plant back into the sea. I have been unable to locate previous reports alleging contaminants have been purged into the ocean by NRG power facilities. Is this accurate?
- Your new power plants will use 99% less sea water for cooling/lubrication, pose no dangers to the environment, produce electricity equal to the output of the decommissioned San Onofre nuclear plant and provide Oxnard with hundreds of new jobs throughout the construction of the new air breathing power facilities. I'm also confident the Oxnard Mayor and City Council will formulate innovative ways to increase the amount of taxes levied on NRG. It is hard to believe the Oxnard Mayor and the City Council would be willing to eliminate this massive tax revenue. It may also be possible for the Oxnard NRG facilities to sell excessive electricity to other outside users. Is this not a superb opportunity for Oxnard to move forward responsibly?

- I support having the new plants constructed near the existing NRG water cooling facilities. If activists are successful with preventing the development of these new plants, where would the power plants be built? The same individuals would most assuredly oppose NRG power plant construction anywhere. It is reasonable to assume many years of litigation would eliminate any hope of completing the much needed power generating plants. Additionally, will the existing NRG power plants be removed or left standing?
- The north end of Channel Islands Harbor is home to the Westport and Seabridge communities. The existing NRG Mandalay Generating Station located at 393 North Harbor Blvd circulates fresh sea water throughout the northern end of the harbor. Consequently, our harbor sea water presents a sparkling clarity and remains free of contaminants, sludge and other ocean debris. If NRG terminates the water circulation process, waterways surrounding Seabridge and Westport could rapidly become murky water collection points for harbor pollution. Have studies been conducted to confirm or deny this possibility?

Prior to drafting this memorandum I had the opportunity to discuss these issues with Mr. Mike Mercadante. Mike is apparently the person in charge of organizing the upcoming June 13, 2015, community meeting. The meeting will commence at 1000 hours, and will be held at "The Yacht Club at Channel Islands, 4308 Tradewinds Drive, Oxnard." Mike was courteous and well versed on topics dealing with the NRG plant proposals. I can only assume Mike and his committee members favor stopping the construction of the new NRG power generating facilities. If this is accurate, my beliefs diametrically oppose those of Mike and his cohorts. I respect Mike's views and appreciate having the opportunity to engage in conversation.

In closing, I commend the men and women of NRG California South, LP who have provided Oxnard with fifty six years of superb electrical service. The many challenges facing these dedicated NRG employees are truly daunting. I assure them, there are many residents like myself who applaud their outstanding efforts and support the construction of the new NRG electric generating stations.

Regards,



LARRY MANION

c: Mr. Mike Mercadante
Mr. Tom Di Ciolli
Mr. Tony Cordero