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California Energy Commission
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RE: Carlsbad - Docket No. 07-AFC-06

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

On behalf of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our strong support for the revised Carlsbad Energy Center project.

For close to ninety (90) years the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce has worked to promote a favorable business climate for the 1,600 businesses and more than 75,000 employees in and around the City of Carlsbad. This is why we pay close attention to issues in Carlsbad that could impact not only the ability of local businesses to thrive, but also matters that could impact the quality of life in our community.

A reliable supply of power is a basic requirement of nearly every industry. Local businesses were reminded of this dependency during the blackout of September 2011. We are concerned about the reliability of our power supply given the closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, the looming closure of the Encina Generation Station, and the vulnerability of our transmission system to wildfires like the one we experienced a few months ago in Carlsbad.

The Chamber has followed closely the discussions in the community about the revised Carlsbad Energy Center. We applaud the City of Carlsbad for reaching an agreement with NRG and SDG&E that will result in a more environmentally friendly project. The agreement also will facilitate the demolition and redevelopment of the Encina site and adjacent service center for non-industrial purposes. It is our firm belief that this revised project will provide Carlsbad and the region with the most logical and reliable solution to our power needs.

In addition to the cleaner energy being produced in our community, the Carlsbad Energy Center would also provide millions of dollars in local tax revenue annually and generate hundreds of jobs during construction. The Carlsbad Energy Center is a project that makes sense for our local economy.

The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce has been a supporter of the Carlsbad Energy Center for many years. With all the benefits offered by the revised design, our support has only been strengthened.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Owen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Ted Owen
President & CEO