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 The Honorable James D. Boyd  
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**RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6**

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

This letter is to express our support for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project on the site that NRG currently occupies. The Carlsbad Energy Center is quick starting, efficient and meets greenhouse gas reduction initiatives. As such, it is an ideal project for providing energy and supporting the development of new renewable resources for a reliable and economical supply of electricity to the residents and businesses of North San Diego County.

It is crystal clear that the proposed site between the I-5 freeway and the NCTD railroad tracks, which is adjacent to the current NRG location, is the ideal site for the smaller and more environmentally friendly Carlsbad Energy Center Project. One proposed alternate site is adjacent to the Carlsbad-Oceanside boundary, near the Vista boundary, and next to the Merkel Reservoir. An energy plant at this site would require a duplication of existing infrastructure now located near the current NRG plant, and also require that two new lines be run away from and back to the switching plant that will not be moving. At a cost of four million dollars a mile, one such line would be 20 to 30 inches in diameter for gas, and the other would be for the produced electricity. In addition, a plant at this location

would create very significant negative noise and visual impacts to Oceanside residents, and possibly many Vista residents. Another proposed alternative site is too close to the regional Palomar Airport, in their aircrafts' landing pattern, and would create potential aviation safety concerns owing to thermal plumes.

In the interest of seeing the energy plant being located at the best possible site, and in protecting residential and business electricity rate-payers from unnecessary and burdensome costs, we urge your timely approval of the sustainable Carlsbad Energy Center proposal. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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