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The Honorable James D. Boyd  
Vice Chair  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

This letter is to express my support for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project. The citizens and businesses of North San Diego County require quality and sustainable resources for a reliable and economical supply of electricity. The Carlsbad Energy Center (quick starting, efficient and meeting greenhouse gas reduction initiatives) is an ideal project for providing energy and to support development of new renewable resources.

It is clear that the proposed site (between the I-5 freeway and the NCTD railroad tracks) is the ideal location for the smaller and more environmentally friendly Carlsbad Energy Center Project. One alternate site proposed adjacent to the Carlsbad-Oceanside boundary adjacent to Merkel Reservoir, would create significant negative noise and visual impacts to Oceanside and Vista residents. Other alternative sites are too close to the regional Palomar Airport and create potential aviation safety concerns (thermal plume).

In addition, Project, 07-AFC-6 protects electric ratepayers from the unnecessary duplication of the existing infrastructure already located at the Encina Station, and thus avoids extra electricity cost burdens on our people and businesses.

I urge your timely approval of the sustainable Carlsbad Energy Center proposal

Sincerely,



Ellen Baur