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To: The California Energy Commission

This letter is written in favor of the proposed construction and site changes made by NRG Energy in Carlsbad California. In the words of the San Diego Union Tribune, "Since there are few unobjectionable sites for power plants, finding suitable sites is fraught with hazards." In this case, the site exists and the land has been used by the Encina Power Plant for five decades.

The proposed project is substantially smaller than the existing plant with a reduction in the visible stacks. There will be a reduction in seawater usage and a cessation of wastewaters to the Pacific Ocean and the elimination of the use of potable water attributed to the operation of two power units. That is a significant contribution as Southern California is now facing water rationing by the Metropolitan Water District.

In an era of \$4.00+ gasoline, rising energy costs, drought and economic decline it just doesn't seem to be appropriate to say "Not in my back yard" anymore. Please add this Carlsbad property owner to your support list for the proposed changes made by NRG Energy for the new state-of-the-art Carlsbad Energy Center.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Fitzpatrick