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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 E) for Authority to Partially Fill the Local Capacity Requirement Need Identified in D.14-03-004 and Enter into a Purchase Power Tolling Agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC. A.14-07-009 (Filed July 21, 2014)

## NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION OF CITIES OF CARLSBAD, ESCONDIDO, OCEANSIDE, SAN MARCOS AND VISTA

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Pursuant to Rules 8.3 and 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), the Cities of Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and Vista provides this notice of the following ex parte communication.

On March 30, 2015, Mayors for the Cities of Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and Vista mailed a joint letter to each of the Commissioners addressing the proposed decision issued in this docket. A copy of the letter is attached to this notice. The letter was served on parties on the same day that it was mailed to the Commissioners.

To receive a copy of this ex parte notice, please contact Allan Thompson at (925) 258-9962.

Respectfully submitted,

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President Michael Picker Commissioner Mike Florio Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval Commissioner Carla Peterman Commissioner Liane M. Randolph California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: A.14-04-009 - Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 E) for Authority to Partially Fill the Local Capacity requirement Need Identified in D. 14-03-004 and Enter <u>into a</u> <u>Purchase Power Tolling Agreement with Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC.</u>

Dear President Picker and Commissioners Florio, Sandoval, Peterman and Randolph,

We are writing on behalf of the five cities along the 78 Corridor in San Diego's North County to express our strong support for Carlsbad Energy Center LLC's (Carlsbad Energy) modification to the recent proposed decision. Carlsbad Energy's modification allows most of the natural gas project to be implemented, and includes a provision where San Diego Gas & Electric can include preferred resources that may come from its current RFO. Equally important is that Carlsbad Energy's modification offer ensures reliability for the residents and businesses in the region.

The proposed modification is paramount to our 78 Corridor cities. With the Encina Power Station set to go offline in 2017, this proposal is the only project that would be able to provide the reliable power necessary during times of high demand in our region. In addition, it will provide an economic boost through, by creating high-paying jobs during the many phases of construction. Finally and most importantly, it will provide assurances to residents and businesses that this region has a reliable source of energy that also continues to integrate wind and solar power as we move beyond the retirement of the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS).

Carlsbad Energy's project is an important piece of California's and our region's renewable energy future. This new generating station will provide the insurance of reliability needed for those occasions when solar and wind power cannot meet the region's demands.

As a result, our five cities agree that modern, efficient gas-fired generation has to be part of the post-SONGS solution in Southern California. Gas-fired generation provides critical reliability services, such as load following, voltage support and inertial support and is an effective complement to variable renewable resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Mayors of the cities of Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and Vista



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