



December 17, 2007

Madame Chair, distinguished commissioners,

On behalf of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, a privately funded business organization, which represents approximately 1,800 businesses and over 75,000 employees in and around the City of Carlsbad.

I would like to voice our support for NRG West's Carlsbad Energy Center conceptual plan. The City of Carlsbad was incorporated in 1952 in large part to receive the tax revenue from the power plant located on Coast Highway - Carlsbad Boulevard. In its current conceptual form, the energy center would continue to give Carlsbad a stream of revenue to the tune of \$4 - 5 million annually. The project would add to the local economy by creating at least 350 jobs during its construction phase. Additionally, NRG has pledged to continue to provide its environmental maintenance, dredging and sand replenishment from the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

Although we are not experts in energy technologies, the Chamber is a strong advocate of green building, green technologies and sustainability. We strongly believe that NRG's Carlsbad Energy Center concept works toward compliance with AB 32 by using a low carbon footprint, and focuses on sustainability, the promotion of green technologies, while addressing future environmental issues.

The Chamber supports cost-effective, robust energy infrastructure and delivery systems that use clean co-generation and clean energy sources. We believe that NRG West's proposed concept of the Carlsbad Energy Center meets these standards.

Again, on behalf of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, its approximately 1,800 members and the over 75,000 employees those business represent I would like to express our support of NRG's Carlsbad Energy Center concept.

Thank you for your time and putting this hearing together.

Sincerely,

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Ted Owen
President and CEO

