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The Honorable James D. Boyd  
Vice Chair – California Energy Commission  
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RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

I am writing in support of the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project on the site that NRG currently occupies in Carlsbad. Nine years ago Carlsbad asked NRG to locate their new plant within their present site and five years has been spent by NRG to get the permits, etc. to build this new, more efficient power plant in the development zone between Interstate 5 and the NCTD railroad tracks.

Since the infrastructure is already in place at the current location it doesn't make sense to go through many more years of planning, permitting, etc. to build the plant at any of the other sites Carlsbad is now recommending. Especially since it will cost four million dollars per mile to run a 30" diameter gas line from the switching plant (that will **not** be moving) to the new plant and a second line - electric - back to the switching plant. Of course the cost for this will be born by the electric rate payers in the form of higher electricity costs!

The proposed new Carlsbad Energy Center plant is an ideal project for providing energy and to support development of new renewable resources. It is clear that the NRG proposed site (between I-5 freeway and the NCTD railroad tracks) is the ideal location for the smaller and more environmentally friendly Carlsbad Energy Center Project. The Carlsbad proposed Merkel Reservoir site would create significant negative noise and visual impacts to Oceanside residents (as well as millions of dollars of extra costs for the two additional lines) and the Ferraday site is too close to the regional Palomar Airport and would create potential aviation safety concerns (thermal plume).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana B. Wenman".

Diana B. Wenman