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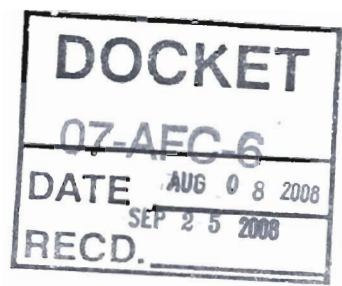
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Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chairwoman
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Chairwoman Pfannenstiel:

As Supervisor of the Second District of the County of San Diego, I represent more than half a million people throughout a 2,000 square mile area which encompasses the eastern portion of San Diego County. I am writing to express my conditional support for the conceptual plan for NRG West's Carlsbad Energy Center. Many of the communities I represent would be directly impacted by the 500 kilovolt Sunrise Powerlink transmission line proposed by San Diego Gas and Electric. It is my very strong belief that in-basin sources of energy generation are far preferable to this \$1.4 billion 150-mile line, which will traverse extremely fire prone areas and has been found, in the project's environmental documents, to greatly increase the risk of wildfire and hinder firefighting activities.

While the environmental documents for replacing the aging Encina Power Plant with a new state-of-the-art energy center in Carlsbad have not been released, I recognize the critical importance to the San Diego region for reliable, in-basin power. I am also supportive of efforts to make our local energy producers cleaner and more efficient.

Upgrading the existing infrastructure at the Carlsbad Energy Center would serve as a responsible step toward ensuring reliability of the region's power supply during periods of peak demand, particularly during emergencies. In the last five years, two catastrophic firestorms have devastated our region. Assistance from local power facilities such as the one currently in operation in Carlsbad, kept our lights on when powerlines were knocked out of commission. Baring unforeseen and grossly unmitigable circumstances outlined in project's environmental review, this region needs the reliability and security that the project in Carlsbad will provide.

Sincerely,

DIANNE JACOB
Vice Chairwoman, Second District

cc: Honorable members, California Energy Commission