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RECORD OF CONVERSATION WITH CALTRANS REGARDING PROPOSED CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (07-AFC-6) IMPACTS ON I-5 FREEWAY WIDENING PROJECT

Dear Mr. Monasmith:

Attached for your information is a record of a conversation which took place between representatives of Caltrans and the City of Carlsbad.

As you know, from the beginning of the Application for Certification review process, the City has expressed serious concern regarding the negative impacts that the proposed power plant will have in connection with the upcoming I-5 Freeway widening project.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joe Garuba
Municipal Projects Manager

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DATE: July 16, 2008
TO: Joe Garuba, Municipal Projects Manager
FROM: Scott Donnell, Senior Planner

MEETING WITH CALTRANS REGARDING CECP AND OTHER PROJECTS

On July 3, 2008, I attended a meeting with other city staff and Caltrans held at the City's Faraday Center. The meeting's purpose was to discuss various projects along I-5 in Carlsbad, including the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP), which would be affected by the planned I-5 widening. Caltrans representatives attending are listed below.

At the meeting, Carlsbad staff made it clear that the city did not support the CECP in its currently proposed location at the Encina Power Station. Caltrans representatives noted their agency has been in discussion with NRG about the proposal and has sent electronic plans to NRG. Representatives also commented that the proposed I-5 widening is a well known project, citing the release of the I-5 widening NOP/NOI in 2004 and, I believe, the project's inclusion in the SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan.

Caltrans staff indicated the widening will clip the northeast corner of the CECP perimeter road and also noted that Caltrans would not be mitigating for visual impacts. However, there was discussion at the meeting about landscaping which the agency typically does for highway projects. Further, Caltrans staff expressed interest in potential safety issues resulting from any CECP hazardous equipment or materials located close to I-5. Due to the potential hazards, representatives noted that Caltrans may require heavier duty walls to separate freeway traffic from the CECP, and suggested that such improvements may be the responsibility of NRG to construct.

I also mentioned that recently NRG had indicated it would be revising the CECP to include a taller stack, new switchyard location, and a desal plant and also indicated those changes may affect the CECP site plan. I also noted that the California Energy Commission is behind in its review of this project, partly because of project changes and the complexity of the issues associated with the CECP.

Caltrans Attendees:

1. Fariborz Amiri, Project Engineer, I-5 North Coast Corridor
2. Jacob Armstrong, Development Review Branch Chief
3. Seth Cutter, Transportation Planner, Development Review Branch
4. Kelly Finn, Branch Chief, Environmental Division Branch
5. Shay Lynn Harrison, Assoc. Environmental Planner:
6. Majid Kharrati, Project Design Manager, I-5 North Coast Corridor



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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE **CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER
PROJECT**

Docket No. 07-AFC-6
PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 7/31/2008)

INSTRUCTIONS: All parties shall 1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies OR 2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the web address below, AND 3) all parties shall also send a printed OR electronic copy of the documents that shall include a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service:

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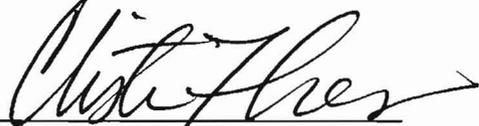
DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Christina Flores, declare that on August 1, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached City of Carlsbad Record of Conversation with Caltrans staff re: future, potential I-5 widening impacts for CECP for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (07-AFC-6), in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Christina Flores