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California Energy Commission  
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Attention: Vice Chairman James D. Boyd

Dear Mr. Boyd:

My name is David Rowley and I am a member of the Government Affairs Committee for Ocean Hills Country Club located in Oceanside, California. I would like to bring your attention to a serious problem developing for your California Energy Commission that would have a major influence on our lifestyle here at Ocean Hills Country Club. At issue is the location of a new energy center in Carlsbad.

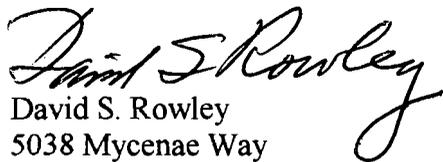
We understand that NRG Energy, which operates the ocean front Encina Power Station at Cannon Road and Carlsbad Boulevard in Carlsbad has applied to your California Energy Commission to build a new plant on its 95 acres on the south shore of Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Our community supports this decision. We are disturbed by the fact that the Carlsbad community does not get the backing of its City Council which, instead, would like to use the land for a future hotel and park.

We are aware that the state commission, not the city, has authority over the plant. The Carlsbad City Council can only offer opinions, and is recommending alternate sites in Carlsbad. One such alternate location is Maerkle Reservoir, which is directly adjacent to our property. Several of our streets directly abut the Maerkle Reservoir property. We do not want a new power plant that close to our homes.

Carlsbad's own South Carlsbad Coastal Redevelopment Area Document calls for building the plant at the Carlsbad Energy Center as recommended by NRG Energy. It seems that Carlsbad's apparent preference for one power plant on the coast, but not a new replacement power plant, may be a problem for the California Energy Commission. Other suggested sites are not even close to natural gas and electrical transmission lines, making them less feasible.

Ocean Hills Country Club is an active retirement community of 1633 homes situated in a pristine setting that does not deserve to have a power plant adjacent to our homes. We ask for your help and advice to make sure a new power plant be built where NRG has proposed and not in a residential neighborhood. We would appreciate your review and early response.

Sincerely,

  
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