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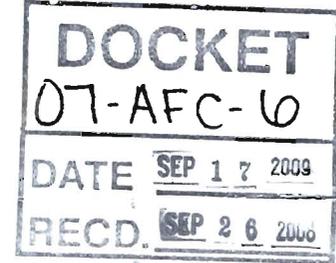
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The Honorable Jackalyne Pfannenstiel
Chairwoman
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: NRG's Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Dear Chairwoman Pfannenstiel:

I am writing to you in support of NRG's proposed plan to repower the Encina Power Plant in Carlsbad. There is a critical need to modernize and replace aging power infrastructure throughout the State of California to meet our current and future needs for energy. In San Diego County, aging facilities like the Encina Power Plant in Carlsbad top the list of critical infrastructure power projects that need to be replaced.

Although the environmental documents for replacing the aging Encina Power Plant have not been released, it is my understanding that the new Carlsbad Energy Center will produce cleaner energy with state-of-the-art technology and emissions control equipment that will operate on natural gas – not oil – and will not use ocean water for cooling.

Upgrading the Encina Power Plant would serve as an important step toward ensuring reliability of the region's in-basin power supply during periods of peak demand, particularly during emergencies. I urge your approval of this important regional project.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price
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