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The Honorable James D. Boyd
Vice Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

This letter is to express my support for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project on the site that NRG currently occupies. The citizens and businesses of North San Diego County require quality and sustainable resources for a reliable and economical supply of electricity. The Carlsbad Energy Center (quick starting, efficient and meeting greenhouse gas reduction initiatives) is an ideal project for providing energy and to support development of new renewable resources.

It is clear that the proposed site (between the I-5 freeway and the NCTD railroad tracks) is the ideal location for the smaller and more environmentally friendly Carlsbad Energy Center Project. One proposed alternate site, that is adjacent to the Carlsbad-Oceanside boundary and next to Merkel Reservoir, would create significant negative noise and visual impacts to Oceanside residents. Other alternative sites are too close to the regional Palomar Airport and create potential aviation safety concerns (thermal plume).

In the interest of protecting electric ratepayers from unnecessary duplication of existing infrastructure now located at the Encina Station, such as having to run two new lines away from and back to the switching plant that will not be moving (one 20 to 30 inches in diameter for gas and the other for electricity produced, at the cost of four million dollars per mile), the proposed location avoids extra electricity cost burdens on our people and businesses.

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

Sincerely,

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