

Docket Optical System - Carlsbad Power Plant

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I am a Carlsbad resident and I am opposed to building a new power plant close to I-5. Our view already has the existing SDG&E tower in it which takes away from our ocean view. The proposed new facility will have more towers and destroy even more of the view from our home as well as all of the coastal homes with an ocean view here in Carlsbad.

Based on Caltrans plans to widen I-5, there would be no room for screening trees or shrubs to hide this eyesore. The City of Carlsbad has provided great leadership to the shaping and feel of this community. Leaving the new plant without shielding and open to the freeway and surrounding homes and businesses would not be fitting to this community. The current proposal will lower property values on hundreds of hillside properties east of I-5 due to view destruction. When we purchased our home the view we have was worth \$100,000 more than the homes across the street, if this eyesore is allowed to be built, it will ruin the views that homeowners have paid for, and future homebuyers will pay less, therefore bringing less revenue to the state and local governments due to less property taxes.

The power plant should be built on one of the alternate sites as proposed by the City of Carlsbad. This will eliminate the eyesore that will be seen from miles around and that will also ruin the beauty of the beach.

The beaches here in Carlsbad are beautiful, the current SDG&E facility is huge as it is, it detracts from the beauty of the ocean, and the proposed will be even more of a distraction to the beauty of the area!

There are other logical areas for this plant to be built, please do not allow this proposal to go thru!

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