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Dear Commissioners,

We are opposed to the development of the NRG Power Plant in Carlsbad for several reasons. To make it brief, these are our reasons. The new plane would NOT take the place of the existing power plant. It would still be standing. The NRG plant would be an additional negative visual impact on our coast.

The widening of I-5 is necessary and on the planning books. It is necessary because of the increase of cars and usage, which causes daily traffic delays. Our home overlooks I-5, so we see the impact on travelers and have experienced being stuck in traffic ourselves. How will the widening take place within the current proposal by NRG? What buffers from accidents and unsightly buildings will be planned? The widening of I-5 is a greater need than another power plant on the coast.

The air quality, although noted in the PSA as satisfactory, will be even more polluted with the addition of the NRG plant than it currently is. Our patio and outside furniture need to be washed down several times a week before we can use it. More "stuff" in the air from any industry is a bad idea.

Carlsbad already has more than its share of civic services for our nearby cities- namely, park and ride locations, train and commuter stations and tracks, the sewage water treatment center, the pending saltwater desalinization plant, and a busy local airport. All of these have created services, but have also negative effects on our land, air and environment. Why should Carlsbad be singled out simply because the infrastructure is present?

NRG is such a huge building, with smoke stacks and air vents. Why should the visitors and residents have to look at this industrial plant? We are a coastal, beach community, not an industrial park. The existing power plant was built on the coast because of technology at the time. HRG does not need a coastal location, so why put it there?

Our new President Obama has asked for increased alternative energy use. By the time this NRG plant is completed, we may not need it at all. The PSA presenters indicated that this is but one of several plants they are currently reviewing. Again, will we even need it?

However, if it is deemed justified to complement the power grid, let it be located on one the alternative sites that the City of Carlsbad is offering. Take it away from the coast where it is a huge smoke belching disfiguration. The new air-cooled technology does not require the ocean for cooling, thus it should be removed away from the coast where it can be adequately accommodated.

Sincerely,

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