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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF Carlsbad Energy Center Project FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT

On September 11, 2007, Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 540-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, natural gas-fired power plant, the Carlsbad Energy Center Project, in the coastal city of Carlsbad, northern San Diego County, California.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for construction and operation of thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the Energy Commission staff's final environmental and engineering evaluation of the project. The FSA is **not** the Energy Commission's final decision on the proposed Carlsbad project. The Energy Commission's Committee assigned to the project will conduct one or more hearings to consider and weigh the testimony or comments or recommendations of all interested parties, including Energy Commission staff, the applicant, intervenors, public, and other local, state and federal agencies. The Committee will then issue the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for consideration by the full Energy Commission. The public, intervenors, local, state and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in these hearings. The Energy Commission will issue notices at least 15 days prior to these hearings. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Mineka Foggie, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-1608.

Persons wanting information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Mike Monasmith, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894 or by email at mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. The FSA and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carlsbad. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Date: _____

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