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Re: Carlsbad Energy Center Project – Docket Number 07-AFC-6

My wife and I have been residents of Carlsbad for ten years. When we drive from our neighborhood to walk along the coast or run errands we consider ourselves blessed to enjoy the views and ocean experience along the coast, except for a single “in your face” blighting influence, the current Encina Power Plant.

We realize this facility was built more than 50 years ago and at that time it was likely necessary for this 400 foot tall ingredient to intrude onto a precious resource, the coastal frontage, for cooling and pollution disbursement purposes.

Now we have learned that not only will all residents of Carlsbad, and travelers along the Coast Hwy., Interstate 5, and on Amtrak trains continue to be assaulted by this 400 foot monolith, but that TWO more unsightly stacks, along with substantial supporting structures, will be constructed. This new development will greet residents and tourists, alike, as they enter or leave San Diego, as a very unpleasant gateway. This makes no sense to us.

Since the mid 1970's the State of California has taken extraordinary measures to protect its coastline through the California Coastal Act and its statewide and regional commissions. No individual homeowner or commercial development can now construct within the coastal zone without adhering to strict height, locational and footprint regulations.

What has happened to all these protective policies and laws? Something is wrong! The state has recognized that the coast is a special resource, which should not be encroached upon without special and considered mitigation measures.

My wife and I have become cynical and no longer trust that the special qualities of our natural coastal environment will be preserved; but we are hopeful. Surely design and technical advances have been made in the past 50 plus years in energy plant design. Surely two more approximately 140 foot monolithic stacks along with 88 foot supporting structures added to the already existing stack, is not the best that can be done on an approximately 100 acre site, within the otherwise protected coastal zone.

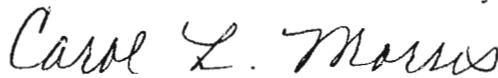
The California Energy Commission owes it to the residents of Carlsbad and to visitors to and from San Diego to do the best job possible. While we certainly do not support this facility at this location we are realistic enough to know that it might be approved. With this in mind, we feel you owe it to the residents and to the precious coastal environment to carefully consider the following:

- . **Recognize** that all development interest always ask for more than they need, knowing they will likely be required to live with less.
- . **Recognize** that development at this location is seen and will be seen by residents and visitors to and from San Diego for 50, 75, or even more years from now.
- . **Recognize** that the coastal zone has been set aside by the State of California as an extraordinary resource, to be carefully and thoughtfully considered and does not fit into the "business as usual" category.
- . **Recognize** that your own experts, separate from those of the applicant, independently must convince you, that the development has as low and non-intrusive profile as the "state of the art" and technology permit – regardless of short-term costs.
- . **Require** that this application, if approved, must contain the maximum visual impact mitigation possible through submitted site design review plans prepared and reviewed by architects and landscape architects and independent technical advisors.
- . **Require** that the current 50 plus year old 400 foot monolith stack be demolished at the time the new development reaches a kilowatt hour output or by a date certain, that you and your independent experts deem appropriate, and make this "benchmark trigger" a requirement prior to further future additional escalation of kilowatt output.
- . **Remember** this site is within an extraordinarily precious physical and visual environment worthy of extraordinary site development criteria and requirements.

Respectfully Submitted



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