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My name is Ofelia Escobedo and I live at 1611 James Drive, Carlsbad. My family has been in Carlsbad since 1943, my parents having established a small grocery store on the corner of Roosevelt and Walnut Streets. My sisters and I now own and operate the business named "Lola's, still at the same location.

Our family has experienced the growth of Carlsbad from 2500 people to over 100 thousand. The Power Plant (as we knew it) was the one source of revenue for the city as well as having created many jobs during construction. This of course was many years ago.

I understand progress and land values. But I also understand the need for power and water. Yes, the plant is in a desirable location and the city would love to see the land developed into more tax based revenue, however how are we to sustain our quality of life if power and water are not available? And yes, the plant could be moved to a different location, but it will always be "Not in my back yard", and why should it be moved. The owners have done everything that is required of them and with all due respect to our Mayor and city fathers, who have done a wonderful job with our city, I feel the need to oppose them on this. A new updated facility is more appealing to me, than the construction of more condos or shopping centers.

The decision is now up to you. More power and water or more people.  
Thank you.

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*Connie Grejo*  
*Job & Juan*

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