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Energy Resources Conservation & Development Commission of the State of California (1516 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814 (800-822-6228 www.energy.ca.gov)

February 2010 Hearings at the Hilton Garden Inn, Carlsbad: Permit Request for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project, CECP, to be developed by NRG and to be located at the current site of the Encina Power Plant (on coastal highway 101) Energy Commission Docket Unit: Docket No. 07-AFC-6

My Public Comment:

It was with great pleasure I was able to attend all the hearing sessions, including the extensive evening hours allowed for public comment. The proposed location of the new CECP energy facility that NRG wishes to have you permit at the current Encina Power Plant location, on historic coastal highway 101 facing Carlsbad State Beach, is most inappropriate. The numerous objections raised during the hearing by the City of Carlsbad and their expert witnesses, including the Coastal Commission and oral comments by the public, are of the utmost concern to me, my neighbors and clients. And I would like to add my written personal and professional concerns as a Realtor who both lives and works in Carlsbad.

I chose to relocate to Carlsbad, where I plan to retire, for the coastal beauty. As a Realtor I talk almost daily with residents who often rent properties through me, as well as potential buyers evaluating this area for recreational, retirement, investment and primary residence consideration. I am persistently asked 'what is that' and 'is it dangerous' as well as 'do we get our electricity from that plant'. Now the requested permit begs the question 'why put a new one there' when Carlsbad offers other less prominent locations.

Carlsbad is home to many seniors (55+ housing communities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes). My mother is also a Carlsbad resident, and I too am a senior. My family (3 generations) plan to live here for a very long time. Please consider relocating any power plant facility somewhere else in Carlsbad - in lieu of permitting industrial use in this very special location.

Thank you for this consideration.

Yours truly,

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