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Energy Commission Docket Unit
Docket No. 07-AFC-6
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Power plant by NRG in Carlsbad, California
Docket No. 07-AFC-6

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for providing the citizens of Carlsbad the ability to express their concerns about the proposed power plant this past week. I'm sure you saw first hand our many issues.

I have attended many of the power plant meetings over the past two years including some of the expert testimony during the day.

I spoke at one of the evening meetings this past week but I did not provide all of my issues in the way I wanted to. So here is my attempt at that.

I live in Oceanpoint condos directly north and across the lagoon from the proposed power plant. There are 140 units here that all look at the lagoon and will also face the proposed plant. My husband and I bought in this complex when it was first being built (6 ½ years ago) and there was absolutely no mention of a proposed plant across the lagoon. I even did research on the area and did not find any pictures of the current proposed plant.

We planned on this being our final place to live-to enjoy our retirement years. We often refer to the lagoon as our own private lake-as that's what it looks like many days. We love watching the birds and the children in the summer at the YMCA camp on the lagoon. We spend over 200 days a year on our balcony (my husband is disabled and loves to sit outside). The main reason we moved from the inland community of Rancho Bernardo to the coast was to be outside on the water.

We are very concerned about a number of issues. First and foremost is of course the visual blight on the community, not just our view. Second, we know there will be added emissions in the air produced by the plant. Just because these emissions are projected to be within acceptable standards of the regulations doesn't mean that they aren't adding to the current pollution. Why do this to the many residents within a few miles of the lagoon, not to mention the hundreds of people within one mile?

Third, we have safety issue concerns. After hearing from the fire chief several months about the safety issues with the I-5 widening, we share his concern about an accident on the I-5 that could cause explosions or fire. This not only is potentially dangerous to I-5 drivers, what about the children that might be on the lagoon merrily canoeing or swimming. Do we really want to take this chance?

And finally, I volunteer at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation to help educate the public about the environment and protection of our watersheds. I'm having a hard time balancing my volunteer work while accepting a new power plant that could harm the environment.

I encourage the commission to deny NRG's ability to build this plant on that property.

The City of Carlsbad has offered other alternatives for the plant, none of which NRG has even considered.

There must be a place that would better suit this power plant than the proposed site.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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