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Hearing Officer
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1516 Ninth St, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners,

For years, Carlsbad citizens have dreamed of the day when the existing power plant would be demolished and a more appropriate use of the coastal land could be realized. The location of the power plant was not always inappropriate. In 1948 when SDG&E bought 110 acres along Agua Hedionda Lagoon to construct the plant, it made good use of the land, ocean, and lagoon water. Most of the area, later to be incorporated as the City of Carlsbad, was rural, open, and agricultural. There were only 3,000 people living in the entire area. So very much has changed since that site selection was made in 1948. 62 years later, this site is no longer a good use of the land. It is a strip of treasured coastal land surrounded by the freeway and costal highway, business, homes, an amusement park, recreational area, and over 100,000 people.

The development of the power plant, sited in 1948, finished in 1954, generated electricity and a tremendous amount of tax money-funds that were used to establish and maintain the dream of a wonderful City of Carlsbad. We are thankful for the value the power plant has been to our city, but its value no longer outweighs the negatives. The location no longer is a wise choice for use of the land it occupies, and enlarging it makes even less sense. Please make a prudent decision and remove this location from any option to site a power plant on this land and allow future dreams to be realized for a more beautiful City of Carlsbad.

Thank you for your consideration,

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