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RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Power Plant, Docket No. 07-AFC-06

Commissioners:

Over twenty years ago my husband and I purchased a mobile home along Carlsbad Boulevard in the City of Carlsbad, CA.

Much has changed since my family first was able to enjoy life in this delightful beach community. Thanks to the foresightedness of the Carlsbad City Council, the Planning Department and many other folks who wanted to grow the community while preserving its quality of life, an appropriate Plan was adopted.

The City of Carlsbad has indeed grown. Residential communities abound. Industrial parks are spacious and welcoming to the business community. It is my belief that any proposed power plant should properly be located in one of the industrial parks as suggested by the City of Carlsbad.

It is my understanding that there is no longer any technical need for power plants to be located near the ocean. However, the survival of Carlsbad as a seaside community that welcomes visitors from all over the world greatly depends on how we preserve our ocean viewing landscape. The large power plant that NRG proposes to build on Carlsbad Boulevard right across the street from the Pacific Ocean would be much more of a blight than an enhancement to beach goers, both resident and tourist alike.

There are probably numerous other reasons why the large power plant should not be built in its proposed location. Safety, fire protection, traffic issues, air pollution, proximity to expanding freeway and rail properties, adverse affect on residential property values in the surrounding area are but a few. I believe these topics have been thoroughly brought to the attention of the Commission by City of Carlsbad's experts who know a lot more than I do.

All I know is that in our lifetimes we have a duty to protect what is beautiful and pass it down to coming generations. Being able to enjoy the Pacific Ocean, the ocean breezes and the sunsets is a great way to combat a rather stressful world.

If all we have to do is locate an industrial facility in an appropriate industrial environment, then that seems like the right thing to do.

Thank you for protecting our community.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Carlsbad City Council  
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