

Docket Optical System - Proposed NRG Power Plant at Carlsbad

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My name is David Lenny and I am a resident of the city of Carlsbad. I am writing to communicate my disapproval of the proposed NRG power plant on Carlsbad's coastline. The Energy Commission has a responsibility to the public to administer California's energy policy to provide energy choices that are safe and environmentally friendly. The NRG project is none of these.

The proposal to build this monstrosity is absurd. There is not another nation in the developed world that in this day and age would seek or grant permission to destroy the beauty of an area such as this by zoning such an ugly industrial behemoth here.

The current NRG power plant at the Encinas site is one of the biggest eyesores on California's coastline. There is no need to exacerbate the problem by building a second power station. Modern-day power plants do not need to be located by the ocean; they can be cooled by the air or other means. Given this, a site closer to an industrial area is more appropriate from a neighborhood AND safety standpoint. The City of Carlsbad has expressed concerns over their ability to provide fire protection at this location.

California has amazing natural beauty and resources. The coastline is a key driver of revenues to the area. It would be short-sighted for the state to build an additional powerplant there to save a few dollars on infrastructure while losing future revenues from tourism and deflating property values in Carlsbad.

Please add my name to the long list of people who are opposed to this project.

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