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To Energy Commission Docket Unit,

I understand NRG's motivation to design and build a power plant in the same location as an existing power plant. However, as a society we should have intellectually grown during the last 50 years in our knowledge of environmental issues. There should be a better way to safely address the energy needs of our country, state and communities. Years ago, old technology dictated where a power plant would be erected however, since we have advanced in the area of energy technology, it is not necessary to put a power plant near an ocean. Does it make sense to erect a new power where the wind blows west to east exposing thousands to harmful elements? Potential illnesses and diseases that arise in the area will no doubt raise numerous lawsuits since we now live in a litigious state. We also live in a world where terrorism is a real threat and all types of energy plants can be targeted causing devastating effects to thousands.

I can't seem to rack my brain around the fact there must be other profitable solutions for the land owned by NRG or other viable future power plant locations that can eliminate these risks to the public.

Since it appears that the California Energy Commission will ultimately approve this completely immoral project, I only hope that in the next decade or two, a new company offering alternative energy solutions comes onto the market obliterating NRG's profit margin.

It is embarrassing to witness such a catastrophic business decision occur in 2011. I would have hoped that NRG and the California Coastal Commission would have hired more intelligent individuals to work with the city to come up with other solutions that could benefit the community while also creating profit for NRG. I guess I have to wait for the next generation of young kids to be able to make more intelligent decisions while also making money for their financial business endeavors.

This decision was no doubt the easiest and most profitable solution for NRG. This is where our education in this country is letting us down. Where are all of the Yale and Harvard grads? I believe if we had more intelligent people in leadership positions where it counts, stupid decisions like this would not be made. Unfortunately, too many people in our country make millions of dollars with very little cognitive abilities.

My advice to those on the board of the California Energy Commission and the leaders at NRG is to book your vacations far away from the Southern California coast. You may have to breathe some unhealthy air and look at an industrial eyesore

all while your kids are trying to boogie board and your wives are making sandwiches on the beach.

I only hope that my grandchildren grow up in a society with more intelligent and conscientious leaders. The decision to approve this power plant near the ocean surrounded by homeowners and tourists is unconscionable.

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