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Chairman Robert B. Weisenmiller and Commissioners
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Carlsbad Energy Center Project

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller and Commissioners:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to express our support for the Carlsbad Energy Center. The Commission's Presiding Member Proposed Decision has recognized the need for the electric-generation project and found that it complies with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards. The project also supports California's efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

The Carlsbad Energy Center will deliver more than 550 megawatts of electricity generated with clean-burning natural gas. Additionally, the project will replace existing infrastructure with a more energy-efficient and lower-profile facility. By replacing ocean water cooling systems with air cooling, the existing generators' daily needs for large quantities of seawater are eliminated. Regionally, the Carlsbad Energy Center will create good-paying and much-needed construction jobs.

Planning for the future and ensuring energy reliability are essential for regional economic growth and investment. We recommend you approve the application for certification.

Sincerely,

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