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- **To whom it may concern,**

A POWER PLANT IN THIS LOCATION, OF THIS SIZE WILL PUT FIREFIGHTERS IN DANGER

- Noise is additive. NRG can't use the argument that the smoke stacks will be no louder than the freeway. When you multiply the freeway times two, it makes the sound more magnified.
- The smoke stack is high enough currently, that the prevailing winds don't blow into our neighborhood significantly. If they are lower, as proposed, they will blow directly into our homes
- This will be a danger to the fire fighters if ever there is a fire. This is a huge Liability for the **City**- not just NRG.
- The value of the homes in the neighborhood beside it will plummet. There will be tangible financial losses which the owners will not readily dismiss. This letter is your notification in writing.
- Carlsbad is trying to position itself as a tourist town, eg. LegoLand, Flower Fields, Strawberry Fields, GIA. It will be viewed as an Industrial town if smoke stacks are the first things passersby see from the Freeway. The monetary gain from selling the power will not make up for the lost tourist revenue and future business revenue from shops passing Carlsbad over for a more tourist friendly city.
- The power generated by the Power Plant will go to *other* cities- not Calsbad. Carlsbad already has the desalination Plant, what more does it need to provide to fulfill its obligation to the community?
- **THE POWER PLANT IS NOT OCEAN WATER DEPENDANT.** This can't be stressed enough. This is prime real estate which can be used to attract tourists and promote the well being of the city's residents. A green space or housing would be the tipping point that Carlsbad needs to make it a destination not an eyesore.
- Cannon will essentially be closed for two years of construction. Who will pay for the damage to the street? This will be a major inconvenience in terms of commuting and noise for the neighboring residents.
- There are dozens of birds, turtles, fish, shrimp and beneficial insects in Lake Cannon. The construction and resulting Power Plant will harm this wildlife. Has this been studied? A marine biologist has identified many species of birds visiting Lake Cannon. Are any endangered?
- The current switches at Encinas are not a valid excuse for having the Power Plant at this location.
- Due to its proximity to the Palomar Airport, there is potential for an accident. Rescue helicopters also frequently land in the vicinity of the Power Plant.

Other more appropriate alternative locations have been identified for the location of this Power Plant. I understand that the City has suggested swapping properties. If there is no

valid reason for NRG to insist on this location, then one can only assume that greed and convenience are the only reason for NRG to insist on this location for the Power Plant.

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