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Karen Douglas, Commissioner
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Carlsbad - Docket No. 07-AFC-06

Dear Chairwoman Douglas:

On behalf of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our strong support for the Carlsbad Energy Center project as recommended by the Revised Presiding Member' Proposed Decision (RPMPD) recently issued by the California Energy Commission (CEC).

For close to ninety (90) years the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce has worked to promote a favorable business climate for the 1,600 businesses and more than 75,000 employees in and around the City of Carlsbad. This is why we pay close attention to issues in Carlsbad that could impact not only the ability of local businesses to thrive but also matters that could impact the quality of life in our community.

A reliable supply of power is a basic requirement of nearly every industry. Local businesses were reminded of this dependency during the blackout of September 2011. We are concerned about the potential for power disruptions given recent developments at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The Chamber has followed closely the discussions in the community about the proposed more efficient and cleaner-burning Carlsbad Energy Center. It is our firm belief that the project as described in the RPMPD provides Carlsbad and the region with the most logical and reliable clean-energy solution to our power needs. We also agree with CEC staff that the proposed site for the project is preferable due to the neighboring industrial uses and the lower environmental impacts associated with this property over any alternative location.

In addition to the cleaner energy being produced in our community, the Carlsbad Energy Center would also provide a vital revenue stream into city coffers to the tune of \$4 to \$5 million annually and generate local jobs during construction. The Carlsbad Energy Center is a project that makes sense for our local economy.

Again, on behalf of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our strong support for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project as recommended by the RPMPD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Owen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Ted Owen
President & CEO