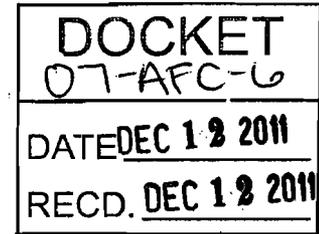


# CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



December 12, 2011

Karen Douglas, Chairwoman  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Carlsbad Energy Center Project *Docket No. 07-AFC-6*

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 Staff of the California Energy Commission (CEC).

For over eighty five 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.

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 recommended in the detailed CEC Final Staff Assessment (FSA) 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 Staff of the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,



Ted Owen  
President & CEO