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Karen Douglas, Chairwoman
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Chairwoman Douglas:

I am writing to urge the California Energy Commission to approve the proposed NRG West energy project that will replace the aging Encina Power Station located in the City of Carlsbad. NRG West operates the existing power station but has a proposal before the Commission called the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP), to repower the existing plant with technologies that will provide cleaner more efficient energy generation.

As you know, maintaining grid reliability is among the biggest challenges facing our state. New power plants are not easy to site and decisions on where transmission lines may be built are often resisted by local communities. Utilities have even created plans to run transmission lines through state parks, plans that I have publicly opposed.

The San Diego region has some unique characteristics making power plant siting and transmission line designations extremely difficult to resolve. That is why I fully support NRG West's project which will provide vital energy generation to the San Diego region and is the first step leading to the retirement of the Encina Power Station.

The state should remain aggressive in pursuing efficiency, clean power and the renewable portfolio standard, but should also approve projects that are consistent with state goals, which ensure a reliable source of power to the grid.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, District 39