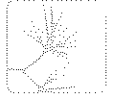




July 7, 2009

City of Del Mar



Mayor Claude A. "Bud" Lewis
City of Carlsbad
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Dear Mayor Lewis:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the City Council of the City of Del Mar as a formal statement of our unanimous opposition to the Carlsbad Energy Center Project proposed by NRG Energy, Inc., along San Diego County's northern coastline. As a fellow coastal city and regional stakeholder, we are pleased to join with the City of Carlsbad in the effort to maintain our region's high quality of life by opposing this power plant project.

The City of Del Mar supports increasing energy sources for our area. However, we firmly believe such sources should utilize clean energy, which will reduce our carbon footprint and decrease toxic air emissions. The NRG project would significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions in our air basin, negatively impacting surrounding communities. At a time when cutting-edge energy technologies exist and are being further developed, this project represents a step backward – not forward.

Furthermore, the potential visual impacts of the power plant are severe. No city would want to be branded by such a dominant industrial use. With its location near the primary northern entrance to our region, the power plant does not bode well for San Diego County's image as a prime coastal destination.

The City of Del Mar appreciates the opportunity to express our concerns about the power plant, offered by Council Member Matt Hall during a presentation at our June 8, 2009, Council meeting. We strongly support your efforts to defeat this deeply flawed project.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 858.755.9313. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Mayor Crystal Crawford
City of Del Mar

cc: California Energy Commission
NRG Energy, Inc.

