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Subject: Channel Island Harbor Water Circulation

Throughout the past three years I have participated in community meetings concerning the proposed construction of a new natural gas Peaker Power Generating Plant located at the NRG Mandalay Generating Station, 393 North Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard, CA 93035. Due to the initial design of the existing NRG Mandalay Generating Station, saltwater pumping systems have been used to circulate water through various parts of the complex. Accordingly, Channel Islands Harbor has been the recipient of unparalleled harbor water movement throughout the North end of the harbor. I have always been an advocate for the proposed Peaker Power Generating Plant and supported the efforts of NRG. In my opinion, NRG is a superb company that has been a vital part of Oxnard for over sixty years. Thanks to the unyielding efforts of various Oxnard community activists groups, the Oxnard Mayor, the City Council and the California Energy Commission, the Peaker Power Generating Plant will not be constructed and the existing NRG Mandalay Generating Station has been shutdown. As predicted by water management experts, the crystal clarity of the North end of Channel Islands Harbor that once existed has degraded significantly. Ironically, the same people that refused to work with NRG and support the Peaker Power Generating Plant construction are now perplexed by the results of terminating the water pumps connected to the NRG Mandalay Generating Station.

I do not claim to be water circulation expert and can only offer a neophytes view of the subject matter. If Oxnard City leadership and activists groups had been willing to engage in supportive dialog regarding the proposed Peaker Power Generating Plant, I believe NRG would have been willing to keep the water circulation pumps operational. It is my understanding the final coup de gras for the proposed Peaker Power Generating Plant has been extended by approximately one year. If this is accurate, is it not possible to reengage in negotiations with NRG and reach an agreement amenable with all parties concerned? I also believe the pumps could be operated in a manner that would not harm seal life. This would most likely appease environmental organizations who were initially opposed to the Peaker Power Generating Plant. Simply stated, I would like to see NRG receive support for their proposals and accordingly agree to keep the water circulation pumping system operational. I welcome your response regarding my proposal.

Respectfully,

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