

SIERRA CLUB STATEMENT ON THE CPUC DENIAL FOR REHEARING OF CARLSBAD GAS PLANT APPROVAL

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Last Friday, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) denied the Sierra Club's Application for Rehearing of the Commission's May 2015 decision approving an approximately \$2.2 billion, 500 MW gas plant in Carlsbad. The Commission's approval of Carlsbad was strongly opposed by consumer and environmental groups, and came after the Administrative Law Judge in the proceeding had proposed to reject Carlsbad because SDG&E contracted with the gas plant before evaluating clean energy alternatives.

Matt Vespa, Senior Attorney for the Sierra Club's My Generation campaign, released the following statement:

"The action by the CPUC to deny rehearing only reaffirms a flawed decision that improperly kept clean energy from competing to meet San Diego's energy needs. The Sierra Club intends to appeal the decision in the next thirty days."

"By allowing this gas plant to be built, we are stifling San Diego's clean energy potential, job growth, and ambitious efforts to reduce pollution that exacerbates health issues and climate change. With Governor Brown touting California's ambitious new greenhouse gas goals to the international community, back at home the CPUC continues to direct billions of dollars toward outdated energy sources and undermine our state's clean energy future."

Campaign Name:

[My Generation](#)