



PATRICIA C. BATES
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
10 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 5TH FLOOR
333 W. SANTA ANA BLVD., SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92702-0687
PHONE (714) 834-3550 FAX (714) 834-2670
<http://bos.ocgov.com/fifth/>

December 20, 2007

Debra L. Reed, President/CEO
San Diego Gas & Electric
8330 Century Park Court
San Diego, CA 92123-1530

RE: Relocation of Proposed Ladera Ranch Peaker Facility (Margarita Energy Center)

Dear Ms. Reed:

On behalf of my constituents, I am writing to request that SDG&E strongly consider relocation of the proposed peaker facility on Antonio Parkway, adjacent to the community of Ladera Ranch.

As their representative on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and in light of the significant opposition and community mobilization that I witnessed at a town hall attended by over 500 residents, I can only conclude that an effective community outreach campaign failed for reasons still unknown. At this late stage in the process, time is not available to address the issues expressed at the town hall regarding aesthetics and environmental concerns. The lack of time and these community concerns should be relevant enough for SDG&E to seriously consider relocation of the facility.

I have worked with SDG&E over the years. During my service both in local government and as a member of the California State Assembly, you have always taken a collaborative, community-focused approach, and to that end I ask that you meet the concerns of Ladera Ranch and relocate the facility to a more suitable site.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance on this or any other issue by contacting my office at (714) 834-3550 as I plan to stay fully engaged on behalf of Ladera Ranch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia C. Bates".

Patricia C. Bates
Supervisor, 5th District

CC: Mark Gaughan, San Diego Gas & Electric
Ladera Hope