

**Resolution of Support
of
Las Brisas Energy Center
Air Permit application filed with the
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
by
PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY
OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS
September 9, 2008**

WHEREAS, The Port of Corpus Christi supports economic development and seeks to promote job creation in Nueces County, San Patricio County and the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi Las Brisas location is in direct proximity to a deep water port, and Nueces County, San Patricio County and the surrounding region have invested in past infrastructure development as evidenced by long-term water planning and the construction of the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Las Brisas Energy Center will be an electric generating facility located on the north side of the Port of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor and the first major new tenant on the Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor; and

WHEREAS, \$3 billion will be invested in a state-of-the-art facility designed to minimize environmental impacts and be clean and efficient; and

WHEREAS, 1300 direct jobs and 2600 indirect jobs during the construction phase will be created, for an initial economic impact of \$2.5 to 3 billion; and

WHEREAS, The Las Brisas Energy Center will produce power locally, allowing competitive pricing and overall consumer savings on electric rates; and

WHEREAS, The Las Brisas Energy Center will complement existing industry in Nueces County in that it will provide a beneficial use for petroleum coke, an existing byproduct of the current refining industry in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port of Corpus Christi extend its support for the air permit filed by Las Brisas Energy Center with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the permanent minutes of the Port Commission.

Unanimously adopted this 9th day of September 2008.