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## **Oxnard Beach Power Plant**

Mr. Hearing Officer and California Energy Commissioners:

New information demonstrates that the gas-fired Puente project will not be needed. Low-income Oxnard residents suffering from high asthma rates currently breathe the exhaust from three other fossil fuel plants. The grossly polluting Puente Power Plant would be constructed atop a rare 2 acre coastal wetland that is surrounded by ancient and environmentally sensitive dunes and unique plants and wildlife. Initially undisclosed by the developer, biologists have recently discovered numerous protected species living on and around the proposed site. Protected peregrine falcons are nesting, feeding and raising young on the site, as are great horned owls. Federally threatened snowy plovers and endangered California terns nest in critical habitat around three sides of the site. The power plant is not needed for public safety or grid reliability. An industrial facility of this nature should never be built on the coast, where sea-level rise will eventually submerge it. Please deny this ill-conceived project.

Sincerely,

Ann Khanna