

**Redondo Beach
Unified
School District**

February 4, 2013

To: Patricia Kelly
Project Manager
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection (STEP) Division
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Redondo Beach Energy Project
Docket 12-AFC-03 (Application For Certification)

California Energy Commission

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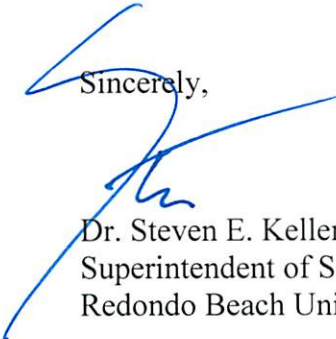
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Dear Patricia Kelly:

At its January 22, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the Redondo Beach Unified School District Board of Education adopted Resolution R:12-13:24 – Position on the Proposed Construction of the Redondo Beach Energy Project by AES Southland, LLC. Included with this notification is a copy of the executed Resolution.

Sincerely,


Dr. Steven E. Keller
Superintendent of Schools
Redondo Beach Unified School District

Board of Education

Anita Avrick
Laura Emdee
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Redondo Beach Unified School District
Resolution R:12-13:24

POSITION ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT BY AES SOUTHLAND, LLC

WHEREAS, an application for Certification has been submitted by AES SOUTHLAND, LLC to the California Energy Commission for the construction and operation of a 496-megawatt electrical generating facility ("Power Plant"); and

WHEREAS, this proposed facility would be directly adjacent and upwind of a densely populated area - over 13,000 residents per square mile, and surrounded by incompatible uses such as hotels, office buildings, a 1400 slip boat harbor, two restaurants and a senior living facility; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,500 school-aged children live within a one and one-half mile radius of the proposed Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Power Plant is currently configured to consist of one, three-on-one, combined-cycle gas turbine block with three natural gas/fired combustion turbine generators, three supplemental-fired heat recovery steam generators, one steam turbine generator and an air-cooled condenser; and

WHEREAS, the Power Plant has the potential to emit hazardous emissions with unknown impact directly into the dense residential community and school environments of Redondo Beach, and

WHEREAS, the Redondo Beach Unified School District has five schools (Jefferson Elementary, Beryl Heights Elementary, Parras Middle School, Redondo Shores Continuation School and Redondo Union High School) within close proximity to the proposed Power Plant, and

WHEREAS, the Redondo Beach Unified School District has established a Wellness Policy (BP 5030) as part of their health education program, promoting opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") states that exposure to air pollution is associated with numerous effects on human health, including pulmonary, cardiac, vascular, and neurological impairments, and that children are at greater risk to air pollution because their lungs are still developing, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to assure a high quality outside air environment for the children of Redondo Beach, both while in school and out of school; and

WHEREAS, the voter approved Measure E in 2000, Measure C in 2008 and Measure in Q in 2012 for the modernization of all Redondo Beach Unified schools; and,

WHEREAS, Redondo Beach Unified School District school modernization has included and will include upgrades in school ventilation systems to insure the highest quality of air in our students classrooms, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to protect the commercial and residential property values in the Redondo Beach Unified School District jurisdiction for all bond assessments, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Redondo Beach Unified School District Board of Education does hereby formally oppose the proposed new Power Plant by AES SOUTHLAND, LLC **UNLESS** it can be demonstrated that:

- The proposed Power Plant meets all the requirements, regulations and standards of the Federal Clean Air Act, the US EPA, the California Air Resources Board and the South Coast Quality Management District; and
- The proposed Power Plant installs the best available pollution control technology; and
- The proposed Power Plant is of vital necessity to the energy security of the Redondo Beach Unified School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the California Energy Commission and the City of Redondo Beach.

Approved and adopted this 22nd day of January 2013.

Motion: **JANE DIEHL**


Second: **TODD LOEWENSTEIN**

Ayes: **4**

Noes: **1**

Absent: **0**

Abstain: **0**


Anita Avrick, Board President


Laura Emdee, Board Vice President