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California Energy Commission

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**12-AFC-03**

TN # 69059

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RE: AES Redondo Application Data Adequacy Assessment

Dear Mr. Light:

The Energy Commission staff appreciates receiving the January 4, 2013 comments on behalf of the Residents of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach by Building a Better Redondo, NoPowerPlant.com and Redondo Beach City Councilman Bill Brand concerning the data adequacy review of the proposed Redondo Beach Energy Project. On December 20, 2012, the Commission staff filed its data adequacy recommendation that the AES Redondo Application for Certification (AFC) be found to be data inadequate.

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo\\_beach/documents/2012-12-20\\_CEC\\_Staffs\\_Data\\_Adequacy\\_Recommendation\\_TN-68935.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/documents/2012-12-20_CEC_Staffs_Data_Adequacy_Recommendation_TN-68935.pdf) Redondo Beach Energy Project - 12-AFC-03

Energy Commission staff has determined that the AFC does not meet all the requirements listed in Title 20 California Code of Regulations, section 1704, Appendix B (2007) for the 12-month process. Of the 23 technical disciplines reviewed, staff determined the information contained in the AFC is deficient in 6 areas which are: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission System Design and Waste Management. Therefore, at the January 9, 2013 Energy Commission Business Meeting, the Executive Director will recommend that the Commission find the AFC incomplete and adopt the staff's list of deficiencies.

Although your letter identifies 8 technical areas that lack substantive analysis of significant potential impacts, the Energy Commission staff believes that the information needs identified, while important to a complete and thorough evaluation of the project, go beyond the scope of information requirements needed to meet the data adequacy standards in the Energy Commission's regulations. The issues raised in your letter will be addressed in subsequent proceedings as the Energy Commission considers the AFC.

The Energy Commission staff looks forward to working with Building a Better Redondo, NoPowerPlant.com and the community and City of Redondo Beach in its review and analysis of the Redondo Beach Energy Project. The staff plans to work with the City to prepare data requests for additional information that will be sent to the applicant

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immediately after the AFC is complete pursuant to the Energy Commission's regulations.

Please feel free to contact me if you or others have any questions about staff's data adequacy determination or the Energy Commission's AFC review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger E. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "J".

Roger E. Johnson, Deputy Director  
Siting, Transmission and Environmental  
Protection Division

CC: Dawn Esser, President, NoPowerPlant.com  
Bill Brand, Councilman, City of Redondo Beach