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## **AES Application**

AES located in Redondo Beach CA has filed an application with the California Energy Commission to build a new 496-megawatt power plant.

The existing plant is 50 years old, inefficient and not frequently in operation.

An independent energy analyst report commissioned by the City of Redondo Beach shows that the additional 496 MW of capacity applied for by AES is not required to grid reliability through 2022.

Based on air quality projections in the AES application to the CEC, harmful air pollutants will significantly increase in the South Bay due to increased run rates. The application also indicates an increase of 5 to 15 times depending on the frequency of plant operation.

As you are not doubt aware, the California Environmental Quality Act requires the investigation of alternative solutions when significant environmental impacts are unavoidable. Locating any new power plant closer to the actual power needs created by SONGS retirement represents a significant decrease in environmental impact due to the reduced air pollution introduced into the South Coast Air Basin.

There is data to suggest that there is sufficient conventional flexible generation capacity existing and planned to integrate renewable energy generation in this region.

I call upon the CEC to deny the AES application to construct a new plant in Redondo Beach because the power is not needed, and because of there are ecological and economic alternatives are available.

Respectfully

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