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No New Power Plant in Redondo Beach

Hello-

I have read with interest all of the comments coming to you both for and against the AES application to build a new power plant on the existing site in Redondo Beach. I have also attended several local meetings with presentations by AES officials outlining their plans for the new plant to be smaller and more efficient and located in a different section of the current AES site.

The general point being made in defense of building a new power plant seems to hinge on our need to maintain sufficient power generating capacity for the LA Basin area. I don't think any of us would argue that we need to maintain our power generating capabilities. We certainly do. However, the real question is whether we need to build a new generating facility at the current AES location in Redondo Beach. The studies and information that have been presented would indicate that there is NOT a need for new generating capacity at the Redondo Beach location and that moving forward with this project would have adverse effects to the local residents as well as requiring increased output just to supply power to the regions that DO require additional capacity. That seems like a short-sighted solution of convenience.

I have been a Redondo Beach resident for 10 years and my residence looks out directly on the current AES power plant. I have been startled awake in the middle of the night by sudden, extremely loud emissions from the plant as well as untold amounts of inhaled particulate matter.

Some may say this is a 'Not In My BackYard' mentality, and, yes, the power plant was there when I moved into the house. But that doesn't mean I want a new power plant built on the same site to take its place, even if it may be smaller and more efficient. And the relevant studies, which many others have forwarded your way, suggest a more efficient way of generating power at alternate locations which would have less impact on the local residents and require less overall generation to get power to the areas that need it. That seems like a much better long-term solution that still ensures our power generating capabilities while removing an incredible eyesore from the Redondo Beach coastline as well as the power transmission lines extending inland.

Based on all of this, I strongly oppose the AES plan to rebuild a power plant at the current Redondo Beach location.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

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