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Hi Ms. Kelly:

As a 24 year resident of Redondo Beach I emphatically oppose AES's application for a license to built a new power plant on our coastline. I ask the CEC to consider the following facts and not grant AES a license:

- 1) The power plant is not needed - based on the independent study financed by City of Redondo Beach, this power plant is not needed to sustain West Basin's power needs even without San Onofre.
- 2) Power Lines can be removed without a power plant - the study also found that the major power lines from the coast up to 405 freeway can be removed. This would benefit the quality of life of residents, property values, and free up open space for recreational and commercial development increasing revenues to the City and surrounding businesses.
- 3) Increased Particulate Matter Pollution - as per AES's application, the new power plant will generate 5-15x more particulate matter than the current one due to the increase amount the plant will operate. Particulate matter pollution killed twice as many people in the state of California as breast cancer, and is extremely dangerous for small children's lung development and for the elderly. This increased pollution does not correlate to the Blue Zone project and Redondo being an outdoor activity beach community. AES's design for the new power plant also calls for smaller smoke stacks which would allow pollutants to disseminate lower directly to the residential community.
- 4) Location of Site - the site of the power plant is closely surrounded by the most densely populated area on the west coast. It also sits on a dangerous liquefaction area.
- 5) City Revenues and Residential Quality of Life - a new power plant will continue to blight Redondo's waterfront and all the surrounding businesses and residents quality of life. The power plant robs the City of Redondo Beach of large potential commercial business tax revenue and stifles the tax revenue from existing businesses.
- 6) Residents Do Not Want a New Power Plant - I was one of the leaders of Measure A/ NoPowerPlant campaign and personally talked with hundreds of residents who are all opposed to a new power plant on our waterfront. Measure A lost by an extremely small margin due to the complexities of the zoning it called for and due to AES's propaganda machine spending \$500K on its No on A campaign of false information. It was not due to residents wanting a new power plant. City of Redondo Beach and Redondo Beach School District also oppose the power plant with both issuing referendums against the building of a new power plant.

Sincerely,
Dawn Esser