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September 4, 2013

Robert B. Weisenmiller
Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Weisenmiller:

I understand that AES Southland (AES) has filed an application with the California Energy Commission to build a new 496-megawatt power plant on their 50-acre site in Redondo Beach. I have been following this proposed project closely.

The site is located in a very densely populated area with more than thirteen thousand residents per square mile. A new power plant will emit significantly more air pollution due to increased operations. Therefore, if the power from this particular site is not needed for grid reliability and/or there are more effective and less impactful alternative sites, it would affect my decision, and the decisions of many of my constituents, on whether to support or oppose the proposed power plant.

I am requesting the CEC to perform a needs analysis to ensure power is actually required from this particular site to ensure grid reliability, and to thoroughly examine and identify alternatives. I believe those would be prudent actions for the CEC to take in deciding whether to issue a permit to construct a new power plant in Redondo Beach, a decision that will have a massive effect on many citizens. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (310) 318-6994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted W. Lieu".

TED W. LIEU
Senator, 28th District