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Redondo Beach Edison Plant

Dear California Energy Commission

My name is Greg Ballard and I wholeheartedly support AES's efforts to modernize and upgrade their power plant in Redondo Beach.

I was born and raised in Redondo, as was my father and his father before him. As a matter of fact, my father, Don Ballard was a city council member in the 1960s. Although my official residence is in Palm Desert, I still spend many months of the year in Redondo Beach and consider Redondo my home.

Driving from Palm Desert to Redondo as often as I do, I believe I am provided a unique perspective on our region's electricity infrastructure. Everytime I drive to and from Redondo I pass the windmill fields in the Coachella Valley. There are times when the wind is howling and all the windmills are spinning but there are also times when the wind is calm and only a few if any windmills are spinning.

As I understand it, this is the reason why it is so critical we have new updated power plants that can turn on and off quickly to work with the windmills and solar panels, most of which are strewn throughout the desert's of southern California.

I urge you to approve the AES plans to build a new power plant in Redondo. Electricity is so critical to our way of life and I, and many other people with whom I speak, do not want to have to rely on the wind and sun to keep our lights on and our economy functioning.

Thank you,
Greg Ballard
Palm Desert, CA