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Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair
and Commissioners
California Energy Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I am the Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, representing 140,000 skilled construction workers in 52 local affiliated unions and 14 Trades.

We strongly support AES's decision to repower its existing plant in Redondo Beach. This is a thorough plan that addresses all potential concerns from the community. And it also will create jobs for the community.

The new plant will be more efficient, using less natural gas to produce the same power, and also significantly reduce emissions.

The new plant will be much smaller than the existing plant, improving the look and views of our waterfront, and freeing up a great deal of space for other uses. This fits with Redondo Beach's efforts to revitalize the waterfront area.

In the Building Trades, we are actively involved in building a new generation of power plants. These plants are vital if our state is to reach its goal of increasing our renewable energy goals. Solar and wind power need to be complemented by these new, state-of-the-art, flexible plants. We can't have one without the other.

Our local economy is also important. Beyond the improvements to the plant itself, AES is investing \$500 million into this project, which will create good jobs for residents and increase tax revenue local services. These are jobs with fair wages, benefits and retirement security. This is a major benefit to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Miller
Executive Secretary