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Redondo Beach Resident Opposing Unneeded Power Plant Construction

Dear Patricia Kelly,

Mercifully, environmental regulations banning use of seawater for industrial cooling catch up with the useless AES power plant on the Redondo Beach waterfront at the end of their service contract with Edison in 2018 or so, forcing its closure. This facility is scarcely used, operating at less than 6% capacity in recent years as I understand, while generating toxic emissions known to the state of CA to cause cardiovascular and respiratory disease. These present community health hazards might have been less impactful 100 years ago when power generating was first sited at this location in an unincorporated area backfilled swamp, but the Redondo Beach/Hermosa Beach corridor has since grown to be the most densely populated residential community on California's entire 700 mile coastline. Prevailing on shore breezes carry the small particulate power plant emissions to our doorsteps, the playgrounds of 5000 school children and at risk senior housing in the immediate area.

In the interest of ensuring, protecting and providing for the health of myself and Redondo Beach neighbors, I have followed our community's every effort to oppose construction of a new power plant at this location, notwithstanding the AES corporation financial war chest, fearmongering and general fact and information malfeasance, robo phone calls and slanted mailings directed to ill informed RB residents. The AES innuendo drum beat that a new power plant is needed for our power needs has no basis in fact, given moreover that three new power plants come online in our service area this calendar year !

In the AES application, I am terribly concerned that a run rate five times current usage has been requested which would unequivocally translate into local resident mortality from toxic small particulate emissions that our respiratory systems have no evolutionary defense against.

**A simply needs analysis would make abundantly clear for the record whether a new AES RB power plant is in fact needed for our electric grid reliability and in good conscience, I respectfully ask this Commission to require that this analysis be performed.

For the health and quality of life of Redondo Beach,

Very Truly Yours,

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