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Redondo Beach Power Plant Not Needed

The proposed AES Redondo Beach Power Plant is not needed.

According to a CEC staff report (Vidaver, David, Mike Ringer, Michael Nyberg, Darryl Metz, Connie Leni. 2009. The Role of Aging and Once-Through-Cooled Power Plants in Californiaâ€"An Update. California Energy Commission. CEC-200-2009-018, [accessed at http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-200-2009-018/CEC-200-2009-018.PDF]), in 2008 the AES Redondo plant generated only 1/10th of one percent (0.1%) of all the power generated in California. The plant operated at less than 5% of its overall capacity; one of its larger units operated at just 1% of capacity (Table B-2, page B-4).

The same report from the CEC shows over 3,000 megawatts (MW) of excess capacity in the Los Angeles area. The AES plant is 1,350 MW, and senior policy analysts at the CEC have stated there is sufficient capacity to retire a coastal power plant in this area.