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Members of the Commission --

Can it be said with a straight face that the AES Redondo Beach Energy Project is a sensible use of the land, adjacent as it is to the ocean and a few yards away from the most densely populated area of California's entire coast? NO.

Can a member of the Commission look members of the community in the eye and honestly state that the air quality and public health concerns raised by the proposed placement of AES's plant are insignificant? NO.

Assuming that a real need for further power generation in the area can even be articulated (and it hasn't been), can anyone set forth a list of alternative proposals to meet this chimerical 'need'? NO.

Given the stunning beauty of the California coastline, can there be any justification for placement of a new power plant right next to the ocean? NO.

Should a new fossil-fuel burning power plant be placed within a few hundred yards of a high school and an elementary school? NO!

The responsible exercise of the Commission's authority dictates the denial of certification for this project. I respectfully but strenuously urge such a vote by each of the Commissioners.

David Wiggins

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