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**Incident at AES Redondo Plant on August 28, 2015**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

The following is a repost of an e-mail that I sent to local officials in Hermosa Beach regarding an incident that took place at the AES Redondo Beach Power Plant this past Friday (8/28/2015) evening. Although I'm not certain whether the California Energy Commission has the jurisdiction or authority to investigate the incident, I request that they take the incident into consideration in connection with AES's application for certification for the Redondo Beach Energy Project.

Good afternoon,

I'm a long time resident of Hermosa Beach and have lived at the below address — one block north and slightly to the east of the AES Power Plant — for over 20 years. During that time, many residents frequently hear loud noises from the plant, which often sound like a freight train or the world's largest tea kettle releasing steam and getting ready to boil over. Despite that fact, I've never complained about the operation of the plant to local officials or AES.

I strongly believe, however, that an incident that occurred at the AES Plant on Friday night warrants further investigation by our local officials and agencies. Not only did the plant emit a loud noise for a prolonged period of time, but it also emitted a very pronounced chemical smell that seemed like natural gas. The scent was so strong that I started checking for gas leaks in my house. Several neighbors also came out of their homes and voiced concern. I contacted the Hermosa Police Department directly and was informed that they had received several calls echoing my concerns over the noise and smell. The Police Department then connected me to dispatch, with the operator also confirming several calls about the AES Plant. She indicated that the Redondo Beach Fire Department was en route to the plant.

The noise eventually stopped, but I left my home because I was experiencing a headache from the smell. When I returned, the air inside and outside of my house still reeked of natural gas.

To the extent that any of you or the City has the capacity to follow up on this matter, I urge you to raise the following questions with Redondo Beach and AES:

- (1) What happened at the plant?
- (2) What was the identity, concentration, and volume of the substance that was released from the plant?
- (3) Was the release of the substance planned or inadvertent? If it was planned, why weren't we provided with notice?
- (4) Was the release of the substance permitted?
- (5) Were all relevant authorities, such as the EPA, PUC, DTSC, and the South Coast Air

Quality Management District notified of the release of the substance?

(6) Was monitoring set up by local officials or agencies to determine whether there were any short or long term health risks posed by the release of the substance? If not, why not?

(7) What steps are being undertaken by AES to prevent such incidents in the future?

I would greatly appreciate any efforts that you could undertake to look into this matter.