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September 10, 2015

Jose A. Perez  
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Dear Mr. Perez:

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 2015, responding to the City's questions regarding the uncontrolled release of natural gas from the AES power plant in Redondo Beach on August 28 ("Release"). The City is reviewing your responses.

A discussion of the Release has been added to the agenda for the City Council meeting on September 15, 2015. You are invited to attend the meeting to present your letter and answer questions from the Council. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can attend the meeting.

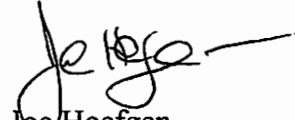
We have one immediate response to your letter. In the letter, you state that AES is not required to provide notice of the Release to the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). That is not correct. Section 10.4 of CPUC General Order 167 provides:

"The Generating Asset Owner shall also report any other incident involving a Generating Asset that has resulted in significant negative media coverage (resulting in a news story or editorial from one media outlet with a circulation or audience of 50,000 or more persons) when the Generating Asset Owner has actual knowledge of the media coverage."

As you know, the Release was the subject of new stories in *The Daily Breeze* and *The Easy Reader* on September 2, 2015. Both publications have a circulation of 50,000 or more persons. The stories were plainly negative—the headlines were "AES natural gas leak causes alarm in Redondo Beach" and "Redondo City Council demands answers from AES following natural gas discharge." Moreover, AES had actual knowledge of the media coverage; Eric Pendergraft, AES Vice President, was interviewed for and is quoted in the *Daily Breeze* article. Therefore, AES is required to report the incident to the CPUC.

Please immediately file a report with the CPUC and send a copy to the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Hoefgen", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Joe Hoefgen  
City Manager

cc: Edward Randolph, Director  
Energy Division,  
CPUC