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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
State Energy Resources
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In the Matter of:

**REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

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**INTERVENOR CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH'S
COMMENTS REGARDING SAFETY AND NATURAL GAS LEAKS**

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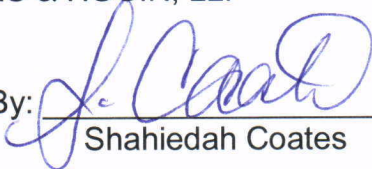
On October 8, 2015, AES reported a second natural gas leak at the Redondo Beach power plant in less than two months. Apparently having learned from the handling of the August 28, 2015 gas leak, AES proactively reported this incident to various entities and reportedly resolved the situation in approximately five minutes. However, as a trend of emergency incidents at the project site continues to develop, the City of Hermosa Beach is gravely concerned that any continued operation of a power plant at this site (and specifically, the proposed continued use of natural gas-fired combustion turbine generators and natural gas compressors in the new facility) will have significant negative effects on both the Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach communities.

Hermosa Beach residents are affected by each natural gas leak at the project site: they hear unusual and disturbing sounds and alarms, they smell any odors that are released, and they see any smoke or gas that is produced. Hermosa Beach residents communicate their observations to City Councilmembers, the police department and the fire department, which the City thoroughly investigates in coordination with Redondo Beach public officials. The fact that the AES Redondo Beach site is situated within a populated, urban area where children's sleep has been disturbed by alarms triggered by two natural gas leaks in two months should be carefully considered. While the City acknowledges that it may be outside of this Committee's scope of authority to address the gas leaks at the existing facility, it is within this Committee's power to consider whether the proposed continued operation of a power plant at the site continues to be appropriate and further, whether AES can safely operate the natural gas components of its proposed project in a heavily populated area. The first power plant was built on the site in the 1900s (PSA, p. 3-1) and the conditions have changed tremendously, including growth of the population of Hermosa Beach to close to 20,000 as of 2014.

The City of Hermosa Beach sincerely requests that the Committee seriously consider the health, safety and welfare of its 20,000 residents and other members of its community in deciding whether to certify the proposed reconstruction and continued operation of the Redondo Beach power plant, with an emphasis on the implications of frequent natural gas leaks to the surrounding communities.

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