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No New Power Plant in Redondo Beach

Dear Patricia Kelly:

Please attached you find my opinion why I am opposed to a new Power Plant in the City of Redondo Beach. I would appreciate that you deliver to the CEC Commissioners.

Sincerely and thank you,

Delia A. Vechi

310-372-8975

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

August 26, 2013

California Energy Commission
Chairman Weisenmiller and Commissioners
1516 Ninth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

AES Southland (AES) has filed an application with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to retire the existing dirty dinosaur on their about 50-acre site in Redondo Beach. This existing plant is a noise generating, polluting mega-structure in the heartland of Redondo Beach that is 50 years old, inefficient and rarely operates more than 5% to 10% capacity. Thankfully, it must be retired by 2020 as agreed to by AES and mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board per new State regulations banning once-through-cooled power plants. I stated below only a few examples of many reasons that can summarize why, I strongly oppose AES' application and the building of a new power plant in this densely populated coastal community: from residential, senior housing, schools and also hotels.

--Recognize and consider the past history of the environmental impacts and numerous complaints by residents all well documented and on file in the City of Redondo Beach City Clerk's Office.

--Since prior to 1984, i.e., investigated by the City, including the hours of City Council time and actions regarding the blatant disregard for compliance with local zoning issues on legitimate payments to the City are also found not just in the City Hall files but the Court rooms where the hearing were held on these matters.

--The long history of fuel used by the plant; from oil, to low sulfur oil, to natural gas. The location of the oil storage tanks next to the Salvation Army Senior housing and two hotels is a major safety and environmental concern.

--Sadly, the list is long and the list of issues is so long it would take years to address the all thoroughly when considering what a 'new facility' should encompass to be compatible with the environs of this area. It's more than hot water that kills fish, or cooling water intakes that kill fish.

Lastly, there is sufficient conventional flexible generation capacity existing and planned to integrate renewable energy generation in this region. From the report: "...no generation capacity at the Redondo Beach Station location is required to integrate intermittent renewable resources."

I, therefore, call on the CEC to deny the AES application to build a new plant in Redondo Beach because the power is not needed at this site, and just as importantly, more ecological and economic alternatives are readily available.

Yours truly, In Memory of Tom O'Leary who dedicated his life to the recording this issue.

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