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This project will help meet those needs. In addition, the project represents more than $500 million in private investment to remove the old plant and build a smaller facility — creating jobs and modernizing the state’s energy infrastructure. Owner AES’ investment will contribute more than $3 million a year to Redondo’s economy, generate more tax revenue to help pay for local services, and create 1.6 million hours of construction-related work.

BizFed is aware that some suggest relocating the plant inland, but future energy capacity shortfalls are forecasted to be in the western portion of the Los Angeles basin. In fact, a document recently presented to a State Senate committee by California energy leaders clearly shows that by 2022, the LA Basin needs 3,460 to 4,615 MW of new electricity, yet the state has authorized the local utility to procure only 1,400 to 1,800 MW.

This, along with other factors, significantly limits the options for moving the existing plant. Not only must you find an available site within the heavily urbanized region of the LA basin, it needs to have convenient access to natural gas and transmission infrastructure and be suitable for industrial development.

This proposed project – in Redondo Beach - represents a responsible and much-needed addition to our region’s energy infrastructure, economy and environment.

BizFed urges your support of this project, and looks forward to working with you toward approval.

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