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Redondo Beach Power Plant

Dear Commissioners on the CEC

I understand the critical need for electricity in our region. Based on my current knowledge of some of the issues, ramifications, and benefits, I support the construction of a new modern power plant in Redondo Beach.

I do appreciate the reasoning behind the opposition to the plant - who wants a power plant in their city. But I don't believe these and many people understand the big picture. I'm just learning more detail myself. For example, it is my understanding that under current state law, by 2020, 33% of our electricity must come from renewable resources and this means that California cannot buy electricity from states that produce electricity using coal. So for any energy plan to be successful, we need new state-of-the-art power plants that can work in conjunction with solar, wind and other renewable sources to provide the remaining 67% of our electricity. This adds another level of complexity to your decision.

People need education about these and the reasoning behind the commission vote and it needs to be simplified so people like myself can understand it - a challenge in itself.

Electricity is simply too important a resource to not have a sufficient supply to meet demand. I believe very few people would be willing to put their family, business, and way of life at risk. Therefore, please approve AES's application.

I sincerely thank you for your time and your service to our State.

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