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October 10, 2013

The Honorable Ted W. Lieu
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lieu:

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP). The RBEP is proposed to be developed on 10.5 acres of an approximately 50-acre parcel, located at 1100 North Harbor Drive in the City of Redondo Beach, California. The existing 2.2 acre switchyard would also remain on the site.

On August 27, 2013 the California Energy Commission accepted the AFC as complete. The Energy Commission held a public Informational Hearing and Site Visit on October 1, 2013. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and because the siting process is a certified regulatory program, the Energy Commission produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local or state permit, and federal permit to the extent permitted by federal law.

Staff has met with representatives of the City of Redondo Beach to discuss staff's ongoing review of the AFC. Over the coming months, Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops that will provide the public and local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. After Energy Commission staff develops its analysis and recommendations regarding the project, the Energy Commission will conduct hearings to determine whether to approve RBEP for construction and operation, and what conditions would apply if the project is approved. Public notices will be issued for all workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to each meeting.

We are available to brief you and your staff on the California Energy Commission's power plant review process and the specifics of the RBEP application. If you would like to schedule a briefing, please contact Jay Dickenson, Legislative Director for the Energy Commission's Office of Governmental Affairs, at (916) 651-1467. If your staff has technical questions on the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Project Manager, Patricia Kelly, at (916) 654-4063 or by email at

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patricia.kelly@energy.ca.gov. If your constituents would like to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, they can contact Blake Roberts of the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office at (916) 653-0387 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228 or at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are available on the California Energy Commission's Internet web site at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/index.html. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of notices and availability of documents at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/>.

Sincerely,



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