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Is a revamped power plant needed in Redondo Beach?

We know that rebuilding the outdated power plant that AES owns in Redondo Beach would have many negative impacts on the community: noise, air pollution, traffic disruption during construction and an unsightly massive building in a beautiful oceanfront setting, which is also in a densely populated area.

What we don't know is whether there is any need for this plant, especially in this location. The first step should be a needs assessment by the CEC. The commission should determine whether additional power plants are needed and where they should be situated to lessen their negative impact on communities.

AES is sitting on very valuable real estate. They could profit by selling the Redondo Beach property and building a plant in a less populated area.

But the Energy Commission's focus should not be on what is best for a particular corporation, but what is best for the entire state: replacing outmoded fossil-fuel burning plants with clean, renewable power sources.

I hope to hear about your needs assessment plan soon.

Thank you.