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**residents letter in support of AES rebuild proposal**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

March 1, 2014

**TO:** California Energy Commission

**RE: AES POWER PLAND PROPOSAL, REDONDO BEACH, CA**

Sirs and Madams of the Commission,

The AES power company has submitted an application to renew and rebuild their Redondo Beach generating plant, and this project is currently with your Commission to determine need and for potential licensing. I recently attended the community hearing on this proposal, with the intended topic of possible alternate sites for this plant.

While it would be nice to place this facility "somewhere else", the research and interviews that my wife and I have conducted leads us to the conclusion that, for a variety of reasons, there may not be any feasible alternative site for this plant.

We wish to go on the record as being in full support of AES's efforts to rebuild their Redondo Beach generating plant, and of their efforts to remove all of the existing steam powered plants and facilities. While the City of Redondo Beach has obtained "Intervenor" status for this proposal, the comments and actions of the City, both at the last hearing and in other arenas, do not in ANY WAY reflect our personal feelings. The proposed AES plant would be cleaner operating, much smaller in profile, in an ideal location for its current site, more efficient, simpler, more reliable, and most importantly, have the ability to be brought on-line and off-line very rapidly. Additionally, AES, as a part of this project, would remove several generations of outdated buildings, boilers, and generating equipment.

As a licensed steam and diesel engineer for merchant ships, and as a former United States Navy Engineering Officer, I (Dennis Groat) am very well aware of the design and operation of steam generating plants, as well as with more modern gas turbine units. The proposed AES repower project is a sensible, much needed enhancement to not only the current facility, but also to our collective current and future power needs. Please do not be overly influenced by the aggressive and endless assaults on this project from Councilman Bill Brand, from the City's legal counsel on this project, or by the comments of Intervenor Jim Light ("Building a Better Redondo"). Again, they in no way reflect our personal views as residents of Redondo Beach.

Please contact us if you have any need for additional information, or have any questions on the content above.

Sincerely,

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