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Subject: Docket # 01-AFC-7C, Russell City Energy Center

Dear Mr. Shaw,

On behalf of Ohlone Audubon Society I am urging the California Energy Commission to conduct a more comprehensive biological assessment concerning the impact of nitrogen compounds on the plants and animals on the Hayward shoreline. While it is true that the siting of the plant has been moved away from direct impact on the shoreline, that short a distance is not far enough away to avoid negative impacts to the plants and wildlife.

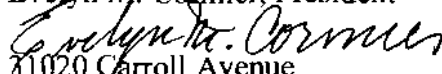
When the Russell City Calpine Energy Plant was first subject to scrutiny in 2000, 2001, and 2002, nitrogen deposition was not one of the impacts studied. With prevailing winds along the shore the output of ammonia and toxic chemicals could harm the delicate ecosystem of the salt marshes, mudflats, soils and organisms that live there.

There are a number of endangered species that could be harmed and should be fully protected. They include the California Clapper Rail, the Western Snowy Plover, the California Least Tern, and the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse. Any other plants and animals in the area deserve to also be provided a habitat free of contaminants.

Surely the California Energy Commission should be able to devise energy solutions that are not harmful to plants, wildlife or the residents of Hayward.

Yours truly,

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