

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 12-AFC-03  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512



**RE: Docket No. 12-AFC-03**

December 13, 2012

Dear California Energy Commission:

We are writing as 16-year residents of Redondo Beach, CA. While a power plant may have made sense here 50 years ago when ocean water was used for cooling, a new plant with 500% more pollution is not appropriate for a now densely populated area. There are plenty of industrial areas that would be better suited for a power plant, where less power is lost along the transmission lines, and industrial uses are already present.

Redondo Beach has been working for years to become a “Blue Zone” known for healthy living. We want our kids to be safe to be outside riding bikes and playing sports, and to keep our windows and doors wide open for the cool breeze. A new AES plant will significantly decrease the quality of life here in Redondo Beach, and force people to flee to escape the plume of noxious fumes and particulate. It will also kill local businesses, as people no longer want to come to a beach with a power plant spewing out pollution.

I cannot understand what the motives are for locating a new power plant here, but economically it makes no sense. AES says it needs a much smaller parcel than it currently has in Redondo Beach. AES is sitting on prime, oceanfront real estate that could be sold for a much higher price for development than it would cost to purchase a smaller parcel in an industrial area. The proposed new power plant will destroy the local property values as people move away because of health concerns. Our primary need is having clean air to breath, not a park or a better view.

9,500 residents of Redondo Beach have signed a petition to end power production in our city. Residents have had to band together to oppose the new plant, since our elected officials are all afraid of AES and their millions of dollars. Please consider the residents who do not have deep pockets to fight for clean air to breath. There are better places for a power plant without ruining the lives of tens of thousands of residents in the surrounding areas. AES executives don't live here, we do.

Sincerely,

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