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Mayor Mike Gin
City of Redondo Beach
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

RE: Comments on "Data Adequacy" of Application for Certification for the Redondo Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-03)

Dear Mayor Gin:

The Energy Commission staff appreciates receiving the December 18, 2012 comments on behalf of the City of Redondo Beach (City) concerning the data adequacy review of the proposed Redondo Beach Energy Project. Commission staff reviewed all the comments provided for the 15 technical areas before finalizing its data adequacy recommendation to the Energy Commission on December 20, 2012.
http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/documents/2012-12-20_CEC_Staffs_Data_Adequacy_Recommendation_TN-68935.pdfRedondo Beach Energy Project - 12-AFC-03

Energy Commission staff has determined that the Application for Certification (AFC) does not meet all the requirements listed in Title 20 California Code of Regulations, section 1704, Appendix B (2007) for the 12-month process. Of the 23 technical disciplines reviewed, staff determined the information contained in the AFC is deficient in six areas which are: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission System Design and Waste Management. Therefore, at the January 9, 2013 Energy Commission Business Meeting, the Executive Director will recommend that the Commission find the AFC incomplete and adopt the staff's list of deficiencies.

Although the City identified 15 technical areas as deficient, the Energy Commission staff believe that some of the information needs identified by the City, while important to a complete and thorough evaluation of the project, they go beyond the scope of information requirements needed to meet the data adequacy standards in the Energy Commission's regulations. The issues raised in the City's letter will be addressed in subsequent proceedings as the Energy Commission considers the AFC.

The Energy Commission staff look forward to working with the multiple City departments and authorities in its review and analysis of the Redondo Beach Energy Project. The staff plan to work with the City to prepare data requests for additional information that will be sent to the applicant immediately after the AFC is complete pursuant to the Energy Commission's regulations.

I appreciated your invitation last April to address the City Council regarding the Energy Commission's project review process and certified regulatory program. Please feel free to contact me if you or others in the City have any questions about staff's data adequacy determination or the Energy Commission's AFC review process.

Sincerely,

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