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**Re: I, Clara Watters, am against the proposed Russell City and Eastshore Energy Centers**

*My name is Clara Watters, and I have lived in Hayward for forty years and am against the Russell City Energy Center and I am also against the Eastshore Energy Center. Densely populated residential neighborhoods consisting of apartments and single-family homes begin just a couple hundred yards east of these proposed plants.*

With these sites being on the eastern edge of the San Francisco Bay, wind should be a key consideration. Every day the prevailing winds come across the Bay, moving west to east and often with significant velocity.

Despite the latest in pollution control technology, the exhaust pipes will be emitting airborne toxins and particulates. The winds will carry the exhaust plumes directly over densely populated residential areas across Hayward and up to the equally populated hills where the new Stonebrae Country Club and Golf Course development are under construction on 1,642 acres. This gated community includes several hundred homes starting at \$1.1 million.

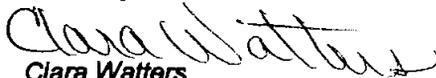
Despite the proposed sound muffling plan, noise pollution generated by the very high horsepower engines at these power plants will also travel to the east, accentuated by the same wind conditions off the bay.

These power plants will reduce the quality of life in Hayward. Their exhaust will increase the already rampant number of asthma cases and other pollution causing lung ailments. Economically the value of homes and business' will decrease, which will reduce Hayward's revenue from transfer taxes and sales taxes.

The plans for the power plants are seriously flawed. For example, the proposed sites are in a zone where liquefaction is expected from an inevitable Bay Area earthquake. The sites are near the Bay, which has a fragile ecosystem.

The California Energy Commission should deny both the Russell City and the Eastshore Energy applications.

Sincerely,



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