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Dear Lance Shaw,

My (our) name is Al + Kindra Merdall

I (we) live or own property at 30232 Brookside Lane
(Address)

Hayward, CA 94544

California Energy Commission, we are writing to you with an urgent plea. Please hear our cries and help us in this critical matter!

We are sending this letter to you because we are opposed to the Russell City Energy Plant being built in our community Hayward, CA.

THE RESIDENTS OF HAYWARD WERE NOT ADEQUATELY NOTIFIED ABOUT THIS PROPOSED PLANT!

This plant will release a large volume of air pollution into our city very near to our homes, schools, hospitals and convalescent centers.

This plants pollution could increase our risks of health related problems such as asthma and cancer drastically. There are many young children and elderly people living near this site.

The effects of the air pollution from this plant combined with the proposed Eastshore Plant, and the 880 and Highway 92 traffic congestion in Hayward, will put too much pollution into the immediate area. The consequences have not been studied fully. According to the California Energy Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Hayward is already a non-attainment area for pm2.5 and pm10 particulate matter.

According to the latest estimates, this plant would release about 86.4 tons of pm10 particulates into our air annually.

This plant uses non renewable energy resources. It is not in the best interest of the City, of Hayward, the State of California, or our world in general. See Executive Order S-3-05, By Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There will be a large volume of hazardous ammonia stored at this site and transported to this site via our busy streets. Ammonia may escape the stacks each year, (ammonia slip), and disperse through the air over the city.

This plant will detract from the overall beauty and desirability of the city with smokestacks 140 feet tall and 100 foot tall high voltage poles/towers. This plant will also create noise.

This plant and the proposed Eastshore plant may reduce our property values.

We do not want Hayward to become a city known for its unsightly smokestacks and pollution.

We question the reason Hayward has been targeted to shoulder the environmental burden of multiple power plants. We believe this is a result of environmental disparity. Hayward is a racially and culturally diverse community. There are many low income families living here. We ask that you look into this matter on the basis of Environmental Justice.

This power plant is not in the best interest of Hayward as most, if not all of it's generated power may be used in other cities in the Bay Area. Hayward Residents would be forced to pay the environmental and health consequences with no direct benefit to their city.

Another matter of grave concern is the use of "Emission Reduction Credits" to mitigate pollution violations. It has been learned that this plant may **exceed** the air pollution guidelines and that this will be **permitted** if the Energy Company purchases "Credits" in order to do so. We do not feel this is acceptable to fill the air of Hayward with more pollutants so near to homes and schools, especially during the already smog filled summer days.

For these reasons the **Russell City Energy Plant is NOT acceptable** to build so near to our residential areas and in our community. I (we) ask that you **not** to approve this plant. We strongly urge you, the California Energy Commission to vote against this plant for the health and safety of the residents of the City of Hayward, California, and the residents of the Bay Area in general.

Sincerely,



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