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Commissioner John L. Geesman and
Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron
Siting Committees for Russell City Energy Center and
Eastshore Energy Center
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 94814-5512

Dear Commissioners Geesman and Byron:

This is in response to the Committees' request for comments from the City relative to the feasibility of locating the proposed Russell City and Eastshore Energy facilities on one site. In a very literal sense, there is no City-owned land available adjacent to the RCEC on which to construct another facility. This is the case because adjacent to RCEC to the west are a series of oxidation ponds used in the wastewater treatment process while to the east of the RCEC is the wastewater treatment plant itself.

Having said that, to the east of the wastewater plant is City-owned property comprising approximately 5.3 acres. The property is currently utilized as a temporary transfer station to hold debris and other material removed from city streets before it is hauled to a disposal site in San Leandro. Over the long term, this site has also been identified as a possible location on which to undertake limited organic recycling operations. In the meantime, it should be noted that under contract to RCEC LLC, the City has agreed to allow this site to be used for storage of construction material and equipment or as a parking lot while the RCEC is under construction. Moreover, it is has been reported that the proposed construction timetables for RCEC and Eastshore overlap, creating significant logistical and scheduling conflicts.

A number of months ago, City staff discussed with Tierra Energy representatives whether this site would be suitable for the Eastshore Energy Center. Tierra Energy responded in the negative citing a number of reasons. According to Tierra Energy, the site is too small (it seeks a minimum six-acre parcel), and that the dimensions of the parcel are inadequate for its needs. The parcel is also traversed by an overhead transmission line, which according to Tierra Energy significantly reduces the useable area of the parcel. Tierra Energy representatives also indicated that relocating the transmission line is cost-prohibitive.

In light of the contractual obligations to RCEC LLC and in consideration of the comments expressed by Tierra Energy, the only City-owned property in proximity to RCEC is not available for use by the Eastshore Energy Center.

Very truly yours,

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