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Re: Docket Number 01-AFC-7C – Russell City Energy Center Request for Extension of Construction Start Date

To Whom It May Concern:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing more than 414,000 members nationwide, of whom 50,000 live in California, requests the California Energy Commission (CEC) deny the request by the Russell City Energy Center for a two-year construction start date extension.

In July 2007, AOPA objected to the construction of this power plant, citing specific safety impacts on the users of Hayward Executive Airport relating to smoke and vapor plumes. Considering the developer is not prepared to begin construction in September 2008, we recommend that the Commission suspend future construction.

Prior to granting any extension, AOPA recommends that the CEC conduct an evaluation of the cumulative impact of the two energy related projects now proposed within two miles of the Hayward Executive Airport.

AOPA and local pilots continue to share concerns that the proposed power plants will be detrimental to the airport and potentially create liability exposure to litigation claims should an incident or accident occur that can be linked to operation of this facility.

Sincerely,

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