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Tierra Energy Frustrated by Inconsistency of CEC's Preliminary Decision

Tierra Energy is extremely disappointed with the California Energy Commission's preliminary decision to deny the proposed Eastshore Energy Center. Tierra Energy proposed a peaking and intermediate load project that would comply with all environmental laws and regulations while providing needed energy and voltage support to the Hayward area. The proposed Eastshore Energy Center is a 115.5-megawatt peaking plant sited in an industrial area and is specifically designed to provide power equivalent to some 80,000 residences in times of need.

The CEC committee recommendation was that the project be denied due to safety concerns from thermal plume effects of low flying aircraft around Hayward Executive Airport.

“We are concerned by the inconsistency of the CEC's preliminary decision, in light of the fact that the CEC recently approved a project approximately two tenths of a mile further from the same airport with 5 times the electric output and significantly larger thermal plumes”, stated Greg Trewitt, President of Eastshore Energy, LLC.

Tierra Energy has invested significant resources into ensuring this project causes no significant impacts, and is disappointed with this decision. Eastshore Energy Center would use internal combustion engines instead of the traditional gas turbines to create power. Empirical data demonstrates the thermal plume impacts from this technology are minimal to nonexistent. The preliminary decision ignores this resulting data and has chosen modeling data that has never been verified by testing.

Eastshore Energy urges the presiding member to reconsider his preliminary decision on this matter and further urges the full Commission to approve the project.

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