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Mr. Weyman Lee,
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RePSD Russell City Energy Center

Dear Mr. Lee,

We respectfully urge you to refuse the PSD certification on the Russell City Energy Center. Our members have spent four decades working to protect and enhance the wetlands and wildlife along the edges of San Francisco Bay. We were instrumental in bringing about the establishment of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in 1972, and have struggled since to see all remaining shoreline habitats protected.

We feel that it is entirely inappropriate to place the requested power plant adjacent to a nature preserve. The vegetation and wildlife along the Bay have long been recognized for their importance to the human population. The natural site in question is especially valuable, not only because of its plants and animals, but because some of them, avian and probably mammalian, are endangered species.

The potential harm to air quality for human and wild populations alike causes us to request this denial of the project.

Thank you for considering our comments and please keep us informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

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