

Russell City Energy Center.txt

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To: Weyman Lee
Subject: Russell City Energy Center

Dear Mr. Lee:

During the past eight years, the proposed Russell City Energy Center has been reviewed, and ultimately approved, by a number of government agencies.

Calpine has listened to the community's concerns and incorporated its feedback into plans for the project. One particular issue was resolved in 2007. Some were concerned that the proximity of the proposed power plant to the Hayward Executive Airport may interfere with air traffic on landing and takeoff.

The California Energy Commission, in consultation with the FAA, concluded that the project's location (approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the airport, at the end of Depot Road and Enterprise Avenue) would neither interrupt air traffic, nor pose a significant hazard to pilots that use the airport.

When construction begins, Russell City Energy Center also is sure to stimulate our local economy, creating 650 union construction jobs and adding to the city's tax base with locally procured services and materials. Surely, with the economic difficulties all aspects of our economy are facing, we all need to be looking for ways to create jobs.

As a pilot, and operator of corporate aircraft hangars at the Hayward Executive Airport, I encourage pilots to review the facts and support the Russell City Energy Center. The Russell City Energy Center Should Be Cleared for Take-Off.

Sincerely yours,

Gary W. Briggs
President
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