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TO: Arizona Corporation Commission/  
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FROM: Laurie A. Woodall *LAW* *AMP*  
Chairman Line Siting Committee  
DATE: September 27, 2001  
RE: LA PAZ Generating Facility, Docket 116

Attached are 25 copies of a public comment (correspondence) received from William D. Baker dated September 24, 2001.

Please distribute these copies, we have retained the original in our file.

Thank you.

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Re: *Allegheny Energy Supply*

Dear Ms. Woodall:

This office represents Harquahala Valley Irrigation District. We understand that you have requested that the Irrigation District send a letter to the Committee requesting certain information. This letter is an attempt to respond to that request.

Allegheny Energy Supply has presented its Water Resource Report for its LaPaz Generating Facility to the Irrigation District. Further, it is the District's belief that Allegheny's proposal to keep its properties within the Irrigation District in active farming using excess CAP water IS in the best interest of the Irrigation District.

Assuming the Arizona Department of Water Resources adopts the Water Resource Report, the District still believes that there could be impacts upon the groundwater under the District since this project is upstream of the District in the Harquahala groundwater basin and therefore, since that basin is recharged mainly through the Centennial Wash, when the Plant utilizes 100% groundwater pumping that will cause an impact on the recharge of the basin under the District since whatever recharge would occur would first fill up the cone of depression caused by Allegheny's pumping before it would get to that portion of the basin underlying the Irrigation District. We understand that this may occur in the future, however, as long as there is excess CAP water available for use at the Power Plant, such a condition is probably remote.

We trust that this answers the questions that Allegheny has forwarded to us but if you have additional concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



William D. Baker  
For the Firm

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