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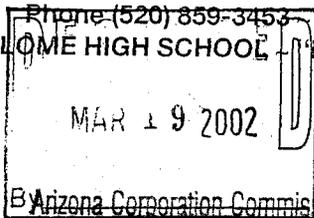
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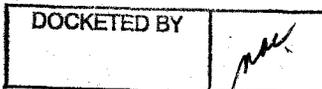
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By Arizona Corporation Commission

Bill Mundell, Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Docket No. L-00000AA-01-0116  
Case No. 116

Chairman Mundell,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write you and tell you of my support for the La Paz Generating Facility that Allegheny Energy Supply would like to put in our area. For the last several months I have had the opportunity to sit on the Allegheny / La Paz Community Advisory Panel. During this time on the panel, I have found the representatives from Allegheny Energy to be extremely competent and willing to answer any and all questions regarding this project.

As a long time resident, taxpayer and school district employee in La Paz County, I have several reasons that I believe the La Paz Generating Facility would be beneficial to our area. From the standpoint of my position as District Administrator of Bicentennial Union High School District # 76, I see the economic impact to the area as a major factor in supporting this project. In my school district, 86% of our students are on the free or reduced lunch program. It is my understanding that this project would bring approximately 17.5 million dollars annually to La Paz County, according to a study recently done by ASU. This would be a tremendous boost for our area. The creation of approximately 40 new good paying jobs would bring stability to a job market that is very weak. Students who graduate from Salome High School currently do not have many opportunities for stable employment in this area; because of this many of our best and brightest have to leave the area to find good jobs. Allegheny's plant would help reduce the number of graduates who leave the area. Allegheny's plant would also bring much needed development to an area of our district that does not currently have such infrastructure as gas and power or phone access. This will benefit those families who live between Salome and the proposed site, as well as, laying the foundation for future development in the area.

From an environmental standpoint, it is my understanding that the proposed project will have little impact on the area. Allegheny is proposing to use the latest technology with this plant and this technology allows for the strictest emission limits of any new power plant in Arizona at this time. I know that Allegheny has employed biologists and archeologists to assure that natural resources are protected during construction of the plant. Allegheny has also committed to putting in a 100 Kilowatt solar array integrated into the operation of the plant to provide "green power". Allegheny has shown a

willingness to do further research into the effectiveness of this technology. I believe that Allegheny's attitude and willingness to meet whatever requirements are placed on them shows how committed they are to doing this project the right way.

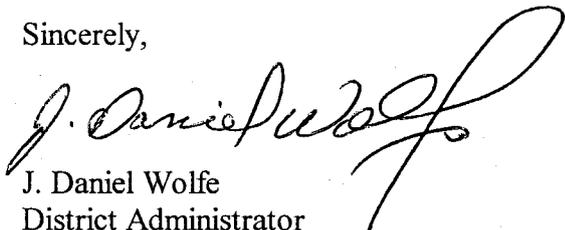
Allegheny has shown a real willingness to work with the county and local EMS authorities to discuss the hazards associated with this plant. Allegheny has assured the members of the Advisory Panel that all their operators are first aid and CPR trained. They have also assured us that their plant will be engineered to allow for fire protection systems in the design of the facility and that their personnel are trained as fire brigades. This will minimize the reliance on local EMS personnel in the event of an emergency at the plant.

In closing, I would like to touch on Allegheny's willingness to become an important part of the local community. On several different occasions over the past year, Allegheny Energy has stepped up to assist out community in various ways. They are currently involved in sponsoring a local golf tournament that benefits graduates of Salome High School with college scholarships.

Allegheny Energy Supply should be granted their project because of their willingness to support the local community, their environmental awareness and workplace safety record. I would strongly ask for your support for this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Daniel Wolfe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

J. Daniel Wolfe  
District Administrator  
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Chairman Bill Mundell,  
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Regarding: Commissioners Meeting, March 21, 2002  
Public Comment

Docket No. L-00000AA-01-0116  
Case No. 116

Gentlemen:

With the advent of Allegheny Energy Supply to Arizona/La Paz County numerous advantages are likely: noted below are five interrelated benefits to the region:

One: The non-polluting generation of electricity—in the range of 8,500 gigawatt hours annually\*—could be vital in the near future years as the demand is accelerating. Also, hopefully, efficient operations will tend to lower rates. A more and cheaper scenario.

Two: The earnings to county and state are estimated up to 17.5 million dollars annually\*. This additional income could be a catalyst for the developing region; stimulus for new enterprises.

Three: A positive decision by the Arizona Corporation Commission could result in increasing jobs and training\* for eligible residents in La Paz County. Our younger people truly need the chance to stay within our borders. This is an opportunity to reduce drainage of human resources from the rural district.

Four: In the face of economic hard times nationally, La Paz County could even prosper with new productive developments resulting from the Allegheny plant here.

Five: Allegheny is a well-tested reliable company that practices ecological responsibility, community involvement and decentralization (similar to the philosophy of Wendell Berry). All of which is greatly needed in this era, in order to:

- (a) preserve what is left of a very fragile desert,
- (b) increase local supply of electric power in Arizona,
- (c) build up socio-economic stability in a rural district.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, are definitely back of the Corporation Commissioners in this historic decision. A yes vote will be good for Arizonans in many important ways.

Sincerely,

*Paul J. Marks*

Paul and Lora Marks

\* Statistics by: L. William Seidman Research Institute, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, Report June 2001: "Economic and Fiscal Impact of Allegheny Energy's La Paz Generating Facility."