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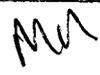
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Gentlemen:

RE: L-00000C-08-0011-0137/TEP Case No. 137

The undersigned is Manager of The Andrada Ranch Limited Partnership ("Andrada Ranch"). We have owned and operated the ranch for over two decades. The ranch comprises (in addition to deeded land owned by us) over 16,000 acres leased to us for grazing from the Arizona State Land Department. The ranch acreage covers most of the valley between the Empire Mountains and Mount Fagan and Interstate 10 and Mulberry Canyon. This is an area approximately 8 miles North/South and 3-4 miles East/West.

In the many years of our ownership, we have seen our valley, generally called the Empire-Fagan Valley, change from almost no home ownership and very few schools serving its population to hundreds of homes and some 12 schools serving this new population.

What has caused the greatest controversy in our region is not the buildup of homes but the imposition of open pit mining plans for an area that covers a swath across our ranch acreage and lying, in part, directly next to our home and headquarters. The State Land Department's decision to allow mining to proceed is being opposed by hundreds of individuals as well as Pima County and the City of Tucson.

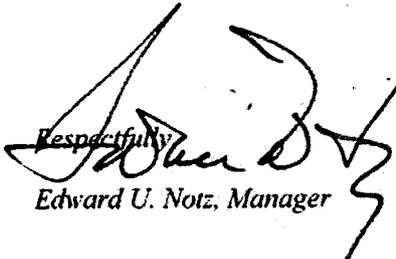
This letter is sent with a key purpose in mind: to have the Commission consider the immensely negative impacts to our community and our ranch's public lands by allowing any mining operation to use the electric power being moved into our area.

Andrada Ranch respectfully requests that no disposition of power be allowed, should the projects be allowed to proceed, for any use by or for the benefit of any mining operation.

Other contributors to the dialogue and your consideration have ample knowledge to impart to you the extremely negative impacts to our local water resources, our living conditions, the public safety and the environment of such mining operations. Ample justification exists to restrict improper usage of the electric power involved.

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Respectfully

Edward U. Notz, Manager

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