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Mr. Steve Olea
Arizona Corp. Commission
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Dear Sir:

I am sure you have been inundated with letters from concerned Gilbert residents. Please have patience and try and understand our reasons for the obvious. Expanding the power plant at Val Vista and Warner will have a major negative impact on the whole community. Not only will it be a major eye sore; it will produce air and noise pollution in a residential area, along with parks and schools. Gilbert will be known for the power plant and ugly stacks, not for the wholesome community it has worked so hard to develop. I live in Finley Farms, and have invested a substantial amount of money into my home. You know as well as I, that the expansion will lower home values. These are just some of the obvious detrimental effects of the expansion.

My other concern is that SRP has not been, as of yet, upfront with all of the facts. SRP has sent updates regarding all the positive effects of the expansion, i.e. Riding trails, bike paths, landscaping. But SRP has not shared the fact that there will be three 150-foot stacks. What kind of "landscaping" will hide and "better integrate the property with the surrounding area?" Are they bringing in mutant trees?

SRP has also insinuated that the reason the plant needs to be built in Gilbert is because Gilbert is the one needing the power. I find that hard to believe. When we lived in Northern California, our power source was two hours away. Is Arizona that far behind the times? And isn't it true that any excess power generated can be sold to other companies, in other states? Hum, I wonder who really needs this extra power generated?

Please consider an alternative to this obvious mistake that will be detrimental to our community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marley Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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