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Re: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station;
Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

I am requesting that this letter in support of SRP's proposed expansion to its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert be included as a formal part of the docket on the Santan project, Siting Committee Case. No. 105.

Upon reviewing the energy supply needs of Maricopa County, it is apparent that additional generating resources will be needed within the next two to four years to meet our region's continuing population growth. Nowhere is this need more apparent than in the East Valley, where growth is continuing at rates at or exceeding 10 percent per year. As Dean of the College of Technology and Applied Sciences at ASU East (the former Williams Air Force Base) I see the change daily.

The proposed Santan Expansion Project would use the cleanest available fossil-fuel technology to meet the region's rapidly increasing electric demands over the next decade and beyond. The plant would provide an environmentally acceptable and economically efficient means to power the grid, while more advanced technologies are being developed. Developing micro-technologies could provide a highly promising means for easing peak-electric demands by allowing customers the option of installing solar thermal, fuel-cell or micro-turbine generators.

Until such technologies are available on a low-cost, mass basis our communities' immediate need will continue to depend on large-scale generation. The proposed Santan expansion will meet short-term needs in a manner that will satisfy environmental standards and challenges posed by the ongoing rapid growth.

Sincerely,

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September 7, 2000

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**Re: In the matter of SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station;
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case. No. 105**

Dear Mr. Bullis:

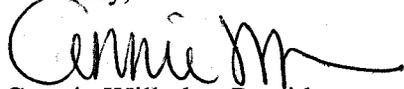
I am writing on behalf of the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona to support SRP's proposal for expanding its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert. I would request that this statement be made a formal part of the docket record for Committee Case No. 105.

As the representative of the industry which provides housing to the thousands who are moving to the Valley each month, the Home Builders Association takes a keen interest in issues affecting the essential infrastructure that supports the Valley's economy. The provision of a reliable supply of electricity is high on our list of concerns. In this regard, we are well aware that continued, rapid development in the East Valley will soon challenge SRP's ability to provide electricity absent construction of new generating resources.

While additional generating resources and transmission ultimately will be needed to serve Central Arizona, the process for siting such facilities is time-consuming and will carry delays. Unfortunately, delays in siting new generation are likely to leave our communities increasingly vulnerable over coming summers to power interruptions and forced outages. This is economically, politically and socially unacceptable.

The Santan Expansion Project, we believe, will provide an expeditious and environmentally safe means of resolving electric supply-and-demand problems facing Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa, Queen Creek and adjacent areas. We, therefore, enjoin the Siting Committee to approve SRP's application for constructing a clean-burning, gas-fired facility at its existing Santan Generating Station. The need, simply put, is critical.

Sincerely,


Connie Wilhelm, President

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