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Director of Utilities

Mr. Steve Olea
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September 21, 2000

Dear Mr. Olea,

I am a citizen of Gilbert and I am opposed to the expansion of the SRP Santan power plant. I live 1.5 miles from the plant and am concerned about the pollution this plant expansion will bring to the area.

SRP claims in its mailings that the amount of pollution will actually be reduced. I've heard this just isn't true. That the pollution will be almost 5 times as much when the two plants are operating at 80% or more. I also heard the pollution would effect a large part of the town, in over a 3-mile radius from the plant. If all this is true it would detrimentally effect tens of thousands of people in the area.

It's also become obvious to me; SRP has been misleading the public in their mailings and at their public meetings. They have been sending out mailings with misinformation stating it as factual to people that live within a five-mile radius. Why, must SRP try so hard to convince the people of Gilbert, for the need of a 1000-mega watt plant? Is all this power justifiable? Must this plant be built at this location to the detriment of the people?

The fact that SRP got approval for the transmission lines for this project several years in advance, tells us that the plans to build this plant where known of long before the surrounding neighborhoods were completed. SRP seems to have been concealing their future plans for this plant long before the public was made aware of the expansion.

Consider: that two of the town council members work for power companies, another one owns large land trusts in the area and yet another owns a real estate management company. It seems to me that there are too many people involved with this expansion that might have something to gain from it. Also, one member of the town council was for the project at first, until he was made aware of the truth behind the expansion. This whole expansion project just stinks from top to bottom.

I also feel the town of Gilbert hasn't done its job. The residents expected a rigorous, unbiased inquiry into the Santan Project. An inquiry that verified all of SRP's statements with unbiased third party facts; not an inquiry that simply accepted what well polished and well prepped SRP representatives or their agents told them. To do otherwise was to simply rubber stamp the Town Council's pro SRP decision.

I hope the commission will sift through the deception and misinformation proffered by SRP and get to the truth. For the health of our families, please do what our town won't do and protect the citizens of this state. Please deny the application for this expansion.

Thank you,



James Timpano