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Dear Sir/Madam:

AZ CORP COMMISSION
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I have been informed that SRP has filed for a permit of Environmental Compatibility in order to build three new power generators in Gilbert at Warner and Val Vista Roads. As a neighbor to the San Tan Facility, let me say that I support Citizens Opposed to San Tan in either halting this facility altogether or seriously limiting its size. I would ask the Arizona Corporate Commission to do an independent study into the need for more power in the Valley before granting any permit to SRP.

SRP has stated that they need 2700 new megawatts of power in order to meet future needs. They have not proven that figure nor have they revealed where they will get this additional power since even the San Tan expansion (825 new megawatts) they will still have a serious deficit. After they expand the Kyrene facility (250 megawatts) my understanding is that they will be short over 1600 megawatts. SRP told Tempe that without expanding the Kyrene facility (3 generators totaling 725 megawatts) there would be brownouts in the future. Knowing this, they then negotiated with Tempe to build a replacement plant to the current facility producing only 250 megawatts. They are now telling Gilbert residents the same thing. That if we do not build this facility we could be without air conditioning in summers to come. Since SRP hasn't revealed the whole picture, we do not know if San Tan will actually solve this problem or not. I do not take the need lightly but if they will require building another facility outside of town in the coming years, I would ask the ACC to require that they build a larger facility there and bury the lines coming into town instead of building on a residential street. (Our homes are right across the street and some actually share a back wall with SRP's plant).

I realize that SRP has owned their property for over 20 years, however they were first allowed to build the San Tan plant when there was nothing but acreage and farmland in Gilbert. In the last five years Gilbert has grown to over 100,000 people. We are already facing new pollution from all the new cars, new growth, the San Tan Freeway just south of us, the expansion of the Williams Gateway Airport and the widening of US 60.

Since the closest air monitoring station is three miles away and upwind of the facility I would ask you, as a part of the Arizona Corporation Commission, to please withhold granting any permits to SRP until they have agreed to pay for an independent study into the air and environmental impact this plant would have on our community. I would also like to ask that COST be allowed to speak on my behalf at any and all hearings in regards to the San Tan expansion. Thank you for your time in this regard.

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