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Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman  
Power Plant and Transmission Line Sitting Committee  
C/O Docket Control  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Dear Mr. Bullis:

I am enclosing a letter to the Editor that I have written and hope that it will be printed. You can see from my letter that I am quite passionate about issues. I have been involved in politics and government for many years. I am well known as a person who has a lot of integrity.

I also have a pretty good grasp of the "lay of the land". I believe there is a small vocal minority that have moved to Gilbert recently that are making all of the noise over this issue. It will blow over and when they go to sell their homes they will find no one cares that there is a power plant with a mile of them. I would think the train tracks would be a much bigger concern.

I hope for the benefit of the many that you will not let the few sway your informed decision on this matter.

Thank you,

Larry Chesley

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October 24, 2000

Letter to the Editor  
The Gilbert Independent  
325 E. Elliot St  
Chandler, AZ 85225

Re: Growth and Electrical Needs

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Dear Editor:

When I moved to Gilbert in 1980, there were about 8600 people living here at the time. Now I read in the paper that from 1990 to 2000 the population has increased 225% to over 100,000 residents.

With that phenomenal rate of growth is it any wonder that SRP is concerned about providing enough electricity to meet our region's booming energy needs or is seeking state approval to expand its Santan power plant in Gilbert? Their motives are to provide for our needs since we decided to live in this rapidly growing town.

It is appalling to me that people are so self engrossed. Have you noticed how many people move by an airport and then complain about airplanes or next to a dairy and complain about the cows or next to a power plant and complain that it affects their property values? I lived approximately five miles from the plant when I first moved to Gilbert. Two years later I built a new house about a mile and half from the plant. I can tell you in making my decision to build my house where it is now, I never gave one consideration to the power plant.

Are there other options for SRP? Of course there are. Are they viable? Not if we want electricity in the next 4 or 5 years. If they move out of the valley and build lines back to Gilbert, it would be very time consuming. It would take a lengthy approval process, and we do not have time for that.

The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, an arm of the state Corporation Commission, will be deciding soon whether to grant its approval to the Santan plant. The decision ought to be very clear. The expansion is a must if we want to keep our quality of life in Gilbert.

Sincerely,



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