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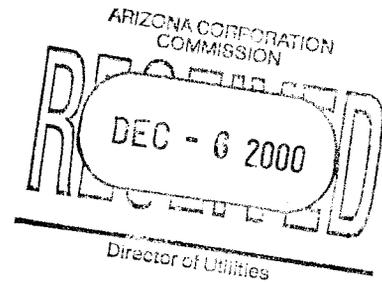
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To: Distribution List
From: M. Nancy Cole, Docket Administrator, Hearing Division
Thru: Jane Rodda, acting Chief Administrative Law Judge
Date: 12/07/00
Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SANTAN POWER PLANT FOR APPROVAL AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS-FIRED COMBINED CYCLE GENERATING FACILITY AND SWITCHYARD IN GILBERT, ARIZONA. DOCKET # L-00000B-00-0105.

Docket received several consumer letters regarding the SanTan Generating Facility. If you wish to review these letters, the originals are on file with Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington, Suite #108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

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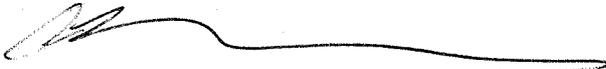
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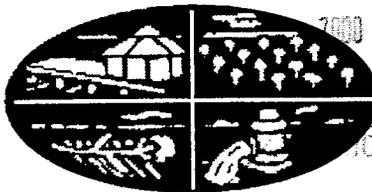
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Re: SRP's Proposed Santan Expansion Project, Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a member of the Santan Expansion Project Community Working Group, with added responsibilities to the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, I am writing to declare my support for SRP's Santan Expansion Project in Gilbert.

Since the Committee began its hearings on the Santan Project in mid-October, evidence presented by SRP and others has made clear two pertinent points; the east Valley will be facing electricity shortages without the Santan expansion, and environmental impacts of expanding the Santan facility are de minimus and can be completely offset through a variety of technical and aesthetic mitigation measures.

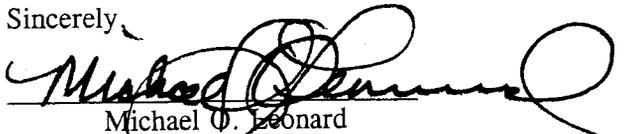
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Further, I live within 1 1/2 miles of the Santan plant and I have talked to a number of friends and landowners about the expansion of the Santan plant. Through such conversations, I have repeatedly heard my friends and neighbors, all of whom live in the area surrounding the Santan plant, voice strong support and approval for the Santan Expansion Project. These individuals have assured me that they do not believe that the Santan Expansion Project will cause increased pollution or decreased property values in the residential area surrounding the plant.

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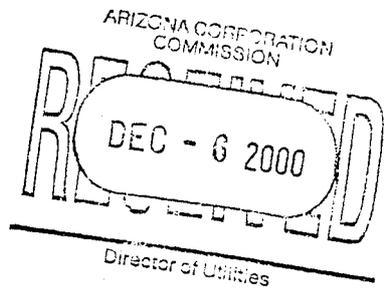
I recommend that the Siting Committee recognize that many other homeowners, landowners, and business owners residing in the surrounding area strongly support the Santan Expansion Project. I urge that the members of the Siting Committee attempt to rise above the emotions of certain opponents and seek an objective, reasonable decision in the best interests of the Gilbert community. I would hope that after a calm and careful review of all the facts that the Siting Committee would choose to adhere to its statutory obligations, focus on the environmental merits of the case, and approve a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Santan Expansion Project.

Sincerely,


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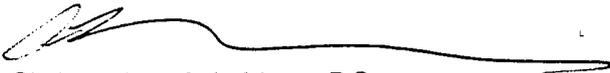
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As active parents in local Parent Teacher Organizations, we've seen first-hand the result of growth in our schools. The influx of new residents in Gilbert, coupled with business growth and a vibrant economy, translates into increased energy use.

We have attended several of SRP's open houses regarding the Santan Expansion and the company's staff has been diligent about answering questions we have had about the project.

We only have to look as far as California to see the results of a shortage of electricity. California, too, delayed in building power plants and today is paying the price for it. The need for additional generation in Arizona - specifically in the East Valley - is immediate.

While there are alternatives to building generation, those alternatives will mean several years' delay in getting an adequate power supply to the East Valley. And those alternatives will mean transmission lines that would affect more neighborhoods, towns and landowners. Expanding and improving an existing plant to make it more efficient - and more importantly cleaner - is the best answer to addressing power needs in the East Valley.

It has been nearly four months since the Committee held its first hearing on this issue, and ample time has passed for both parties to make their case. Having followed the issue closely, we are confident that the Committee's only choice is to abide by its statutory jurisdiction and approve the plant.

On behalf of all residents, we would like to thank you and the Committee for your work and the role you play in Arizona's future.

Sincerely,



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Paul Bullis, Chairman
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Re: Siting Committee Case No. 105, Final Public Comment Session

Dear Chairman Bullis and Siting Committee members:

Because other commitments will prevent me from attending the Siting Committee's final hearing on SRP's Santan Expansion Project, I am submitting this letter with the hope that key points may be included in final public comments on the Siting Committee's Case No. 105

The ACC docket shows that I submitted a letter in September supporting SRP's plans for expanding the Santan Generating Station in Gilbert. I would cite several additional reasons why I believe a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility should be approved for the Santan Expansion Project:

The East Valley's need for additional electricity is beyond doubt. As the one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, local electricity demand is close to outstripping available energy supplies. The proposed 825-megawatt Santan Expansion Project will give SRP time to meet immediate needs, while securing additional resources.

The new plant would reduce the number of new transmission lines that will be needed to meet our region's growth. A single, environmentally-clean power plant is clearly preferable to traversing Gilbert with huge additional transmission towers.

Local citizens, the Town of Gilbert and SRP have cooperated to develop comprehensive plans for screening the proposed new facility from surrounding neighborhoods. The new plant also will have to meet EPA- requirements for reducing the region's air pollution, with a net gain of cleaner air to our community.

I urge the Committee act decisively in favor of SRP's Santan application and not be dissuaded from acting on behalf of the broader community in order to appease demands of a small, self-interested opposition group.

Sincerely,


Elaine G. Morrison



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December 6, 2000

Re: Santan Expansion Project, Case #105

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Dear Mr. Bullis:

As Chairman of the Board of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce and a long-time resident living within one-half mile from the Santan Generating Station, I remain concerned about the consequences should the Siting Committee fail to approve SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project.

My earlier testimony before the Committee's opening hearing emphasized the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, with 530 business members, conducted an early review of SRP's plans and concluded the Santan Expansion proposal provided the best means of meeting the East Valley's energy needs.

These hearings have shown that Gilbert and the East Valley will face power shortages over the coming years unless additional electric resources are approved and built. As I see it, SRP has the options of:

- Adding 825 megawatts of new generating capacity at its 28-year old Santan facility;
- Or, developing significant, new transmission corridors to serve the East Valley's explosive growth and then endeavoring to purchase power off the Southwestern grid, bidding against California's high-end markets. This alternative would obviously result in increased local power costs.

From an environmental and quality-of-life standpoint, it is clearly better to allow SRP to build clean, natural-gas burning generators at the existing plant site than to struggle with the alternative of building new transmission lines requiring hundreds of towers ranging from 135-feet to 150-feet in height. These would be as tall as the clustered stacks proposed for Santan expansion and would criss-cross Gilbert and surrounding communities. It

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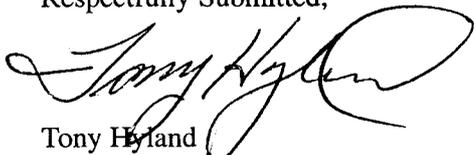
becomes patently clear the Siting Committee would be forced to deal with the nightmare of locating towers and transmission lines throughout the East Valley in order to meet future power requirements.

The Santan project can be buffered with landscaping, aesthetically screened, and designed in such a way as to reduce air emissions from the plant site. Noise levels would be minimal and meet strictest codes of other Valley cities. Purchased surface water will be used to cool the plant, leaving Gilbert groundwater resources unaffected. As one who owns a home in the area, I have no fears my property values or those around me will suffer any decline.

Not least, the Chamber has been advised that turbine technology planned to be used for the expansion will allow for speedy construction. The new generators can be brought on line in time to reduce risks of forced outages, blackouts and the obvious economic harm that would ensue.

As you are well aware, the Siting Committee has undertaken the awesome and time consuming responsibility of evaluating various methodologies to resolve a most consequential issue. With strict conditions for landscaping, aesthetic design and environmental regulation, the Santan Expansion Project makes the best sense. It will serve as a more efficient method to ensure an unimpeded source of power essential to our business and residential community.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Hyland".

Tony Hyland
Chairman of the Board