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I am not an attorney or an expert on power plants nor do I pretend to be one. I am simply a concerned citizen who had the misfortune of purchasing a home in Gilbert. During this process I have learned more about power plants, water usage, pollution, zoning jurisdiction, and the inner-workings of our local government than most people would ever want to know. In my opinion, based on the testimony presented at these hearings, the committee should not grant the expansion of the Santan Power Plant. Before I go into the specific reasons why the plant expansion should be denied I would like to discuss my involvement in this process.

As a board member of my HOA (Finely Farms South), my participation in these hearings has been curtailed due to the fear of lawsuits being filed against the HOA. My fellow board members expressed this concern to me on several occasions. Nerveless, on behalf of COST, I walked my neighborhood and colleted hundreds of signatures from residents who were opposed to the plant. During this process the only people I came into contact with who would not sign the petition either worked for SRP or were not fully informed about the true impact this plant would have on the area.

Unlike the SRP canvassers, I would not accept signatures unless residents had knowledge of the plant. I strongly encouraged those people who did not know the facts to attend SRP open houses or to contact SRP and COST for information about the plant. In addition to walking my neighborhood I collected signatures at local supermarkets and the post office.

Based on the advice of our lawyer, the board took the position to become a facilitator of information to our residents and not take a formal position either pro or con on the plant. We worked with EPG and SRP to set up an open house held at our local elementary school. We published the contact information for both SRP and COST in our newsletters so that our residents could be informed about this power plant and make their own decisions.

I attended several open houses held by SRP, read all of the literature they mailed to our home, and was a consistent visitor to their web site. During the course of gathering my own information I became concerned that SRP was not providing an accurate accounting of the project to the people of Gilbert. I believe there is a general consensus that SRP was misleading the public about the true impact that this expansion will have in their public relation campaign. Furthermore, when the same questionable tactics used by SRP such as the push poll, are used by our politicians we become outraged and demand that the practice be stopped. We insist the truth be published. But in the case of SRP and this power plant, there are no ramifications for participating in this devious and misleading behavior.

As I stated in the opening paragraph, this power plant expansion should be denied for several reasons. Many of the other interveners will cover the reasons for denying this permit in more detail than I will and I do not want to waste to committee's time on topics that will be thoroughly covered. I want to address the reasons that I feel the plant should be denied. First, SRP did not fulfill its obligations to the citizens of Gilbert or to the committee to insure that all of the data they presented was above reproach. There are many facets of this expansion project that SRP has left unanswered. SRP should be forced to go back to the drawing board and resubmit for a permit once they have done their homework. For example, an independent health impact study from a medical doctor should be completed. The issue of jurisdiction needs to be addressed as well as zoning. How can land zoned for agricultural use end up with one of the largest power plants in Arizona on it?

Secondly, as was brought out in testimony, there are in excess of 3,000 megawatts that use our water and pollute our air, yet they are unavailable to Valley residents. As was pointed out in the hearings, the problem is not generating more power, but getting what we currently generate to the Valley. At best, San Tan is a band-aid. What SRP should be doing is building a bigger plant outside of town now, before current growth makes siting that plant harder and harder. Why destroy the lives of ten of thousands of people for a

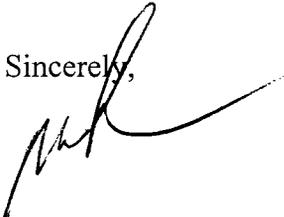
band-aid solution? Another option to consider is upgrading the power lines, which will allow SRP to bring this excess power to the Valley. There are alternatives to building one of the largest power plants in the state of Arizona smack in the middle of a residential area.

The last area that I would like to cover is the impact that this plant expansion will have on the environment. Clearly, the ten of thousands of people who live in the area are part of the environment. Regardless of what SRP says they cannot reject that fact. Nor can they refute that SRP failed to object to any of the homes being built in the area. SRP could have objected to these homes being built, just as we are objecting to their expansion. SRP failed to raise any objections to these homes being built. SRP failed to work with the Town of Gilbert and developers to disclose the existence of the current plant to homebuyers. The possibility for expansion also went undisclosed; SRP did nothing. Now ten of thousands of people are going to have the health of their families jeopardized, the value of their property lessened, and the quality of their lives reduced because SRP did nothing. No argument, no level of savings, no amount of need can justify destroying the environment for ten of thousands of people so SRP can build one of the largest power plants in the state of Arizona smack in the middle of a residential area.

As I stated in the opening I am not a lawyer. Nor do I understand the nuances of this project. All I know is that building one of the largest power plants in the state of Arizona smack in the middle of a residential neighborhood is wrong. Especially when you consider that SRP did not do due diligence prior to submitting for its license. Quite simply there are too many unanswered questions for this plant to proceed. As we found in the testimony there are alternatives to this plant. Before SRP sentences us to live next to one of the largest power plants in Arizona they should explore and consider these options first. Let's not forget the people. There is not a single precedent of a power plant of this magnitude being built so close to ten of thousands of homes. Look at California: If anyone recognizes the need for additional power, they do. With a reported 200-300% increase in rates and rolling brownouts, residents of San Jose and San Diego are bitterly opposing new construction of power plants in their cities. Are they shortsighted? What

do they know that we do not? I am not saying do not build any more plants; I am saying do not build them in residential areas. Deny this plant and ask SRP to do the right thing and build their plant outside of town. Ask them to develop a long-range plan so they will not come before this committee asking for another plant in the near future. Ask them to make better use of their existing power. Ask them to be honest with the residents next time they submit for a plant. Ask them to think in terms of the people they are hurting, not the money they making for their bondholders. Do not allow SRP to destroy our neighborhood: Please deny SRP's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MG' with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Marshall Green

Prior to considering a permit the committee should require SRP do the following:

1. Get an independent health impact from a medical doctor.
2. Get a full impact study of the area.
3. Force SRP to get a water permit.
4. Get neutral air quality and hydrologist experts to verify SRP's reports on air, pollution, and water studies.
5. Force SRP to develop and share with the public their 10-year plan for expansion.

Conditions on permit:

1. A 50 million dollar fund to be administered by a court appointed trustee, to cover any loss in property values that residents have within a 2-mile radius. The interest from the fund should be accrued by the fund-not SRP.
2. A 20 million dollar fund to be administered by a court appointed trustee, to cover any health issues that residents have within a 2-mile radius. The interest from the fund should be accrued by the fund- not SRP.
3. No new power lines will be allowed in the area- as SRP stated.
4. All pollution offsets must come within the first three miles of the facility.
5. Have SRP clean the arsenic and any other dangerous chemicals from the water before it is dispensed in the canals.
6. The plant should be shut down on high pollutant days.
7. Mandate that as new pollution controlling devices become available, they need to be installed on the expansion and existing plant.
8. All of the homes within a one-mile radius should have their electric bills reduced by 50% for as long as the plant is operational.
9. The inter-governmental agreement should be redone with equal representatives of the interveners, SRP and the Town drafting the new agreement.

10. SRP should be barred from discussing using any property for improvements that it does not own without the owners consent.
11. SRP should donate 1 Million dollars to the East Valley study on mass transit.
12. SRP should donate 10 Million dollars to the East Valley mass transit system based on the results of the study. These funds should be ear marked for the Gilbert aspect of the mass transit system.
13. Mandate that any monies given to the town for educational purposes must stay in Gilbert. There cannot be any lessening of funds from the state to the students of Gilbert as a result of the money given by SRP.
14. A minimum of three mailers stating the facts and the impact the plant will have must be mailed to all residences in Gilbert. The interveners must approve the mailers.
15. All HOA's in the area must be notified and included in any improvements that either directly or indirectly affect their properties.