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To All Those Concerned About Gilbert Families and Their Communities:

I am writing this letter because I am very concerned and decidedly opposed to the proposed construction of the **fourth largest electrical generating facility in the state of Arizona** being built in my backyard by SRP.

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My family and I live in a community named Finley Farms, which is between Elliott and Warner Roads, and Val Vista and Greenfield Roads in Gilbert, Arizona. I have lived in Gilbert for seven years, only two of those years at my current address.

Our family chose this neighborhood because it was a residential area with no visible industrial sites and very little commercial activity. Just five years ago, this land was almost exclusively farmland. Our community was planned with many parks and even its own namesake school, Finley Farms Elementary. I am employed as a third grade teacher at that school.

The street I live on in this neighborhood has over 40 young children, two of whom were born a few months ago. Two more will be born this year. That is 40 children living on just one street in our single-family home neighborhood. There are many such streets located in the **numerous** single-family home neighborhoods within a very close proximity to the **fourth largest electrical generating station** proposed by SRP. **Gilbert has the highest number of children per household in the entire state of Arizona**, and these neighborhoods reflect this statistic.

All around the SRP property are entire neighborhoods of densely populated single family homes with young families in them. There are at least **nine public schools, several preschools, charter schools, and even daycare facilities** located within a two-mile radius of the proposed **fourth largest electrical generating station** in the state of Arizona. Does any of this make sense to you?

I find it unconscionable that this type of project could even be considered. **Gilbert also has the highest number of post-baccalaureate degrees** in the state (we are your voting public), and none of us are stupid enough to believe that this is the only possible answer Maricopa County has to relieve its power needs. Nor are we ignorant of the fact that the proposed pollution-producing power plant in Gilbert will free up stations around the state to allow them to send their power to communities far beyond our county and state lines, and the United States border.

It is an outrage to realize that the very people who are supposed to be protecting the health and livelihood of the citizens of this community are not the least concerned with the health and safety hazards (increased allergy problems, increased asthma conditions, increased particulates, increased carbon-dioxide, on-site ammonia and countless unknowns) that this huge **fourth largest electrical generating station** will cause.

Nor can I understand how SRP and my governmental representatives plan to make restitution for: 1) the damage to the health of mine and thousands of other families in the surrounding area and 2) the huge loss of property values to our homes.

Sincerely,

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