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Dear Sirs:

I strongly believe it is my civic responsibility to express my opposition to the **Warner Road & Val Vista Drive Power Plant Expansion**, also known as the San Tan Expansion. Unfortunately, when referred to as the "San Tan Expansion" most citizens, living in Gilbert or valley wide, are not aware that this expansion is anticipated for Gilbert's "center of town," Warner Road and Val Vista Drive.

As a concerned Gilbert citizen, this letter is long overdue. We all have a duty to be aware of our environment and only by gaining a better understanding of what exists within our environment, will we be able to preserve it from pollution, air or otherwise, and hazardous wastes, to mention a few.

The anticipated power plant expansion does not belong on Warner Road and Val Vista Drive...this intersection is completely surrounded by homes, schools, daycares, churches, shopping, with ordinary daily activities that go on in any other neighborhood in the valley! The anticipated 1125 mgw power plant expansion by the year 2005 will contribute to the mass degradation of our environment, and Gilbert will no longer be known as the town with the "small town feeling"... the reason why most people move to Gilbert as stated by Mayor Dunham in her January 17th Town Address...but rather the town with the "largest power plant in a residential area."

Our community - our environment is in danger...and we are all responsible to preserve it!

Scottsdale citizens are fighting to preserve the desert...Gilbert citizens are fighting to preserve their environment, community and way of life... Why would anyone ask any less of Gilbert citizens?

Sincerely,

Anne M. Carroll

Copy of the foregoing letter has been mailed to:

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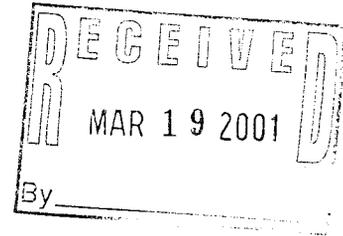
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Dear Sirs;

It is with great interest that I have followed the recent debate over property values in Gilbert, specifically Kevin Ross' article in the Arizona Republic several weeks ago. Because I work in the home owners insurance business, I feel warranted in saying I have doubts regarding Mr. Ross' claims that expanding the Santan Power Plant in Gilbert will cause a decline in home values in surrounding neighborhoods.

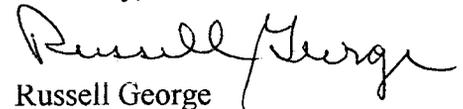
Mr. Ross' findings do not reflect or reference any type of credible or statistically correct study. In addition, his findings are inconsistent with other studies conducted by highly regarded firms such as Kelly Commercial Consultants Inc. and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, both of which conclude, "the effect (on property values) of the proposed Santan Expansion Project will be negligible."

As I mentioned before, being in the insurance industry has given me insight and observations of my own. My family is in the real estate business. Due to the economic boom we are experiencing in the East Valley, my own business is rapidly expanding. In addition, my father who is a realtor, continues to sell homes consistently with short turn over time and for their full asking price.

Most of Gilberts tax base is in residential property. With that in mind, it seems to me that not only is additional power sorely needed in the East Valley, but so is the tax relief provided by new industry that will be attracted to Gilbert because of this reliable source of power.

As a 30-year resident of the East Valley, I strongly support the Santan Power Plant Expansion and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,


Russell George

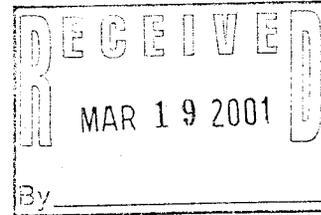
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Mr. William Mundell, Chairman
Arizona Corporate Commission
Utilities Division
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Ref: Docket #: L-0000B-00-0105, San Tan Expansion in Gilbert

Dear Mr. Mundell,

I am writing this letter because of my family's concerns over the huge expansion of the San Tan Generating Plant at Val Vista and Warner Roads in Gilbert. I've attended some of the site line meeting (those that I could) and am very concerned about items that have been discussed.

Why on earth would you or anyone put a plant of this size in a residential neighborhood? At this time nobody is complaining about the existing plant already there even though we do have concerns about the air quality, etc. But would you want it in your neighborhood? If you can honestly say yes, then go ahead and vote for the expansion, but if you wouldn't want it right next to you, you should be voting no. There is no real good reason to expand this plant site and to say it's the most obvious and realistic means of generating more power, that's a bunch of bull! (excuse my language, but there is not a nice way of putting it).

And, for SRP and those in favor of this expansion to keep using California as an example is ridiculous. It doesn't even come close to comparison. I lived in Northern California all my life. When they even propose to put a power plant way outside of civilization everyone opposes it, so they have created their additional power problems and deserve to not have power. That's not the case here. We are not saying that power plants are not needed, we are proposing to put it out further, where there are no houses and residents right in the vicinity. There's a lot of land out there and areas with no residential neighborhoods and it should stay that way. A plant of this magnitude should not be allowed to have residential housing right next to it. It seems to me that SRP is just looking out for the \$\$\$\$\$, not what's best for Gilbert and surrounding areas- And, all the so-called concessions are weak. If they are so willing to make all these concessions, then they already know it's not the right thing to do and so do you.

The Gilbert area already has more asthmatics (children and adults) as was published in the Arizona Republic for weeks. Why do these people need more poor air quality to add to their medical conditions—or don't you care. The air quality is already going down the tubes. And what about the water and safety issues? All the landscaping improvements and concessions being made can't make up for the negatives of this expansion.

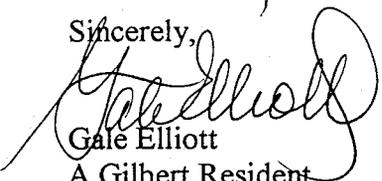
With so many other options, why would you allow this expansion in Gilbert. Is it to have Arizona put on the national map as being the only state to allow a power plant of this magnitude

to be built in a residential area? I think we can think of a lot more other positive things about Arizona to list if we need the publicity. And just because the town of Gilbert's past government officials made one poor decision some time ago in allowing even the small plant to be built where it is when it was zoned agricultural, does that mean the Arizona Corporate Commission should allow even a bigger mistake to be made? I hope not.

Voting for the expansion in Gilbert would be a political decision not what's best for the community which is what I see your job as being. We feel you are there to protect the people along with the needs of the state and balance it with what's right and wrong.

Please make your decision carefully. Our children and future generation's lives could depend on your decision. This also doesn't just have a negative impact on Gilbert, but its surrounding communities as well. This is not the location for a power plant of that magnitude.

Sincerely,



Gale Elliott

A Gilbert Resident

Cc: Jim Irvin, Commissioner
Marc Spitzer, Commissioner
Honorable Jane Hull, Governor of Arizona
Mayor, Town of Gilbert

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The proposed expansion of a Salt River project power plant in the heart of town will destroy our neighborhood! SRP has other options to expand power plants in more remote areas + not in the middle of a residential area! Our property values could sink as much as 15% per the Maricopa City Assessor.

We are becoming a dumping ground for power plants to serve California. The land is cheaper here. And, at least one out of the three panel Az. Corp. Commission agrees its easier to build plants in Az than California

Do the Gilbert residents have any say so in the matter?

My husband + I say NO to the SRP power plant!

Linda + Cary Stephan
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Dear Commissioner Spitzer

Please vote for the
Soulan project so that
the East Valley will
have the electricity it needs.

At the rate the East
Valley is growing it is
necessary to look ahead
to future needs.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kitt

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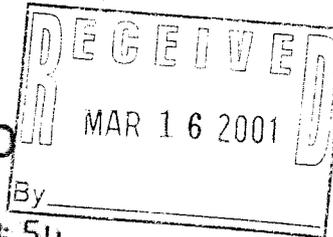
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RE: Santan Power Plant Expansion (Utilities Division Docket # L-0000B-00-0105)

Dear Mr. Mundell,

My family and I are residents of the Warner/Val Vista area in Gilbert. We will be immediately affected by the proposed Santan Power Plant expansion to "the largest power plant in the United States surrounded by a residential community". We are appalled that you and other State officials are turning a deaf ear to our plight.

Yes, we knew that a power plant was nearby when we moved here from Scottsdale 5 years ago, but no one (builder, town official, or SRP) informed us, nor was any information available to us, of a potential expansion. Certainly, no one could have imagined that this power plant was slated to grow into an industrial facility of this magnitude. Ok, hindsight is 20/20, but this expansion is a direct assault on our community and violates our legal rights.

It will lower our property values by about 20-25% and will seriously affect the health of people living in this area. All we have worked for so hard all these years will be lost. Any equity we may have in our home will be gone. In fact, because of your actions we stand to lose a whole lot more, because no one in their right mind will buy property in this area after the mega plant is built.

SRP has employed deception and misinformation from the minute it ran into opposition. It wasted not a minute to exploit the California situation with the old power outage scare tactics. It has waged an outright propaganda war to drown out the public's voice of concern and resistance to this project, and has steam rolled the opposition. And, it is spending millions to buy State, County, and East Valley approval for this expansion (East Valley's commuter rail system study; converting Gilbert's school buses to alternate fuel; landscaping, horse trails, widening roads, etc.), bribing Gilbert, the County and State to get approval. Where were they when the communities now surrounding the Santan were being built? We are sick of this!

The Gilbert mayor declared that it is not in her jurisdiction, because SRP is a "State" power onto itself. Well, it's quite clear to most of us who stand to lose everything, that you are either part of the problem, or you can stand up and do right by those who entrusted you with your office. Also, it is common knowledge that this project was fought hard and averted by Tempe before being dumped on Gilbert. Why Gilbert?

- Why wait until the area around the Santan is heavily populated.
- Why not build this plant on State or Federal land, which is about 2/3 of this State?
- Why not expand the Coolidge plant, which is away from the heavily populated area?
- Why not build it in a more remote or industrial area, not in the middle of a residential area?

For heaven's sake have you no concern for the thousands of people getting hurt here? You simply cannot permit this expansion. You weren't elected to be a rubber stamp. We have adequate power. Spend the money on a new plant. Expansion of the Santan will only generate power in our back yard, to be sold to WAPA, and ultimately to California for the highest profit. We implore you to put an end to this irresponsible plan, which is an unconscionable act upon this community that will ruin so many hopes and dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hermann Hitzelberger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



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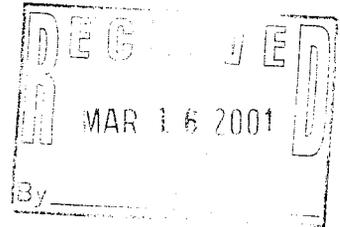


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March 15, 2001

Dear Mr. Mundell,

Re: Utilities Division Docket # L-0000B-00-0105.

Expanding the Santan Power Plant will destroy Gilbert's quality family community. Gilbert's skyrocketing growth over the last 10 years has been attributed to it's good schools and it's great family community. Gilbert will no longer be a healthy family community with the largest power plant in the United States surrounded by a residential community.

As Gilbert residents and Gilbert residential realtors, we have first hand experience with homebuyers and sellers. Property values are already coming down around the proposed expansion site. Sellers are discounting their listing and sales prices just to get rid of their property.

The more remote Coolidge plant is a much better alternative because fewer families will be affected by the sight, sounds, smells and pollution of the plant.

Why can't California build their own plants?

Sincerely,

John & Brenda Clark
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The Hon. Mark Spitzer
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Re: Region-wide support for SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project

L-00000B-00-0105

Dear Sir:

As a resident of Gilbert, living within a mile of the plant, I feel that it is very important for you to be aware of the region-wide support for the SRP Santan Expansion Project.

Just as a reliable supply of water is essential to the livability of an area, so is the guaranteed supply of reliable energy. SRP has supplied the valley with a reliable source of water for many years and they should be allowed to expand this Santan Generating Station so that they may continue to supply a reliable source of power to our ever growing population and business community.

I am enclosing copies of letters of support received by the Power Plant and Line Siting Committee. These letters represent the support of Gilbert residents, businesses and the educational community. SRP has also received hundreds of letters of support for this project

Please consider this support for the expansion project when making your determination.

Sincerely,

Darrell B Sheldon
Barbara A Sheldon
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sheldon
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Letters Supporting SRP's Santan Expansion Project

Letter From	Representing	Date Written
Barbara A. Sheldon	Gilbert Resident	August, 2000
Karen A. Wittmer, President Kevin Olson, President Elect	East Valley Partnership	August 17, 2000
Ramon H. Nunez Business Manager	I.B.E.W. Local Union 266	August 24, 2000
Paul R. Tullis Vice President	Cerprobe, Inc.	September 1, 2000
Tony Hyland Chairman	Gilbert Chamber of Commerce	September 5, 2000
Sally E. Downey, Ed.D. Superintendent	East Valley Institute of Technology Dist. #401	September 5, 2000
Robert A. O'Leary O'Leary & Associates	Arizona Utility Investors Association	September 6, 2000
David K. Udall	Udall, Shumway, Blackhurst, Allen & Lyons, P.C.	September 6, 2000
Scott Morrison	Morrison Ranch	September 6, 2000
Albert L. McHenry, Ph.D. Professor and Dean	Arizona State University East	September 6, 2000
Thayer Verschoor	Gilbert Resident	September 7, 2000
W. David Thompson President and CEO	SpectrumAstro	September 7, 2000
F. Rockne Arnett Senior Vice President	Marsh USA, Inc.	September 7, 2000
Richard Hurbes Area Operations Manager	Vulcan Materials Company	September 7, 2000
Connie Wilhelm President	Home Builders Association Of Central Arizona	September 7, 2000
Elaine Morrison	Gilbert School Board Member	September 7, 2000
George Pettit plus 14 others	Santan Community Working Group	September 7, 2000
Craig M. Berge President	Berge Ford	September 8, 2000
Maggie Cathey and Richard Andrews	Santan Community Working Group	September 12, 2000
Kevin J. McCarthy	Arizona Tax Research Association	October 23, 2000

Larry Chesley	Gilbert Resident	October 24, 2000
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bermudez	Gilbert Resident	November 24, 2000
Michael O. Leonard General Manager	Roosevelt Water Conservation District	November 30, 2000
Lynn F. Kusy Executive Director	Williams Gateway Airport	December 4, 2000
Elaine Morrison	Gilbert School Board Member	December 5, 2000
Tony Hyland Chairman of the Board	Gilbert Chamber of Commerce	December 6, 2000
Terry C. Isaacson Director	Arizona State University East	December 8, 2000
Stan Barnes AECC President	Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition	December 12, 2000

Arizona Corporation Commission
Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix AZ 85007

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RE: I SUPPORT THE SANTAN EXPANSION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bullis,

My name is Barbara Sheldon. I live at 716 W. Dublin Street in Gilbert Arizona. I served on the Community Work Group (CWG) for the SRP Santan Expansion Project. While I do not represent the CWG, nor do I feel any member has the authority to represent the opinion of that group as a whole, my experience of serving on the CWG has allowed me to become well educated in all aspects of this proposal and I would like to express support for the expansion.

I am writing to request the opportunity to make a limited appearance before the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee at the Santan Expansion hearing on September 14, 2000.

I would like to relay to the committee that my husband and I recently found a home with a floor plan that precisely met the requirements we had long been seeking as our "last home". Incidentally, the home that we purchased is approximately equal distant from the plant as our previous home in Cottonwoods Crossing. In early June we signed a contract to purchase the home and in mid June placed our home in Cottonwoods Crossing on the market at a price **higher** than any other home of comparable size had sold for in the area in the last year. By June 30th we had received two full price offers and indeed, had we chosen, could have entertained a bidding war between the two interested parties.

We were given a difficult choice because both parties were completely qualified and more than eager. We chose the family whom we thought would best fit the fabric of the neighborhood.

Both realtors had been fully informed about the San Tan expansion project and in fact **we**, as responsible sellers, **personally** made it a point to explain to each potential buyer the height of the stacks, the size of the cooling towers and the **facts** concerning the emissions. We also pointed out the location of the San Tan freeway, the proposed Crossroads Center and the hospital facility. We had only one prospective buyer who was uneasy about development in the area, and that had to do with the San Tan freeway and the new hospital facility, not the SRP expansion project. Homes which have not sold in our community have not done so because of the upkeep of surrounding residences. This is a problem that will impact more home sales than a project which can only enhance the economic viability of the Town in which we all choose to live.

Sincerely,

Barbara A Sheldon

Barbara Sheldon
716 West Dublin Street
Gilbert, AZ 85233

August 17, 2000

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
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*Re: In the matter of the Application of Salt River Project to expand its Santan Generating Station, Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
Case Number 105*

Dear Mr. Bullis,

On behalf of the East Valley Partnership, we are writing to express support for SRP's proposed expansion of its generation facilities in Gilbert at the Santan site. We are providing these comments under the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-360.05(B), and request that they be made a part of the record in this docket.

Our organization's purpose is to preserve and improve the quality of life in the East Valley. We understand that this expansion, and therefore our support, will be unpopular with many of the surrounding neighborhoods, but we believe that it is essential to maintaining the quality of life in the region. A review of the proposal, the facts and the alternatives leads us to believe that this is the best solution for the region.

SRP's proposal to add a generating station at its Santan site will serve all of us well in many ways. First, the additional generation for our community will preserve our ability to acquire low-cost, reliable power from SRP. Second, a guaranteed electricity supply will support our community's efforts to build our economic base by assuring businesses that power is available and affordable. Third, the plant will provide a boost to Gilbert's tax base and public school revenues.

We appreciate the Town of Gilbert's agreement with SRP, which ensures that the new facility is landscaped and otherwise improved to make it as compatible with its surroundings as possible.

We are confident that SRP will build and maintain an environmentally responsible facility, and that SRP will abide by all air quality regulations.

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman

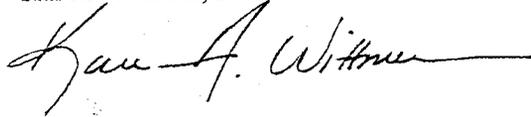
August 17, 2000

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As you know, SRP's proposal is part of a larger plan by the utility that includes other new plants and transmission expansion to support the prosperous Phoenix area. We all benefit from the vibrant area economy, and it's doubtful if there's anyone who would like to see our economy suffer from a lack of electricity. We need only to look to California to see how devastating a lack of planning can be.

East Valley Partnership supports SRP's solid planning for our communities' futures.

Karen Wittmer, President EVP



Kevin Olson, President Elect EVP



Attachment: About East Valley Partnership (1)

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



Local Union 266

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August 24, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman, Power Plant and
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Re: The Salt River Project's application to expand their Santan Generating Station,
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Chairman Bullis:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 266 (IBEW Local Union 266) strongly encourages the Siting Committee's approval of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Salt River Project's proposed Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert. As representative for the hourly employees at the Project, we are keenly aware that existing generating resources in Maricopa County may not be adequate to handle Maricopa County's 3 million population in the near future. The challenge of meeting this demand is particularly acute in the Salt River Project's east Valley service territory, where the population growth ranks among the fastest in the state as well as the nation.

While the state Siting Committee has already recognized the merits of the 250 MW Kyrene Expansion Project in south Tempe, that project alone will not be able to handle future demands and voltage control beyond the Tempe/Ahwatukee, west Chandler areas.

We believe SRP's proposal for building an additional 825 MW combined-cycle combustion gas-turbine plant at the Santan Generating Station offers the best solution to a pressing problem. The plant would provide a cost-effective means of meeting the southeast Valley's escalating energy demands with the least amount of delay. Without the plant, it is likely that large areas of the east Valley will face force outages, rolling blackouts and attendant disruptions to the residents, businesses, schools, government facilities and other critical services by next summer.

Mr. Paul Bullis
August 24, 2000
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IBEW Local Union 266 represents the hourly employees at the Salt River Project, and a great many of them live in the southeast Valley. A reliable supply of electricity is as vital to those we represent as it is to the broad east Valley communities.

Sincerely,



RAMON H. NUÑEZ
Business Manager
Financial Secretary
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September 1, 2000

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Re: SRP's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to expand their Santan Generating Station in Gilbert, Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a major employer in the east Valley, Cerprobe Corporation supports SRP's plans for expanding its Santan Generating Station in Gilbert and urges your Committee to take favorable action on SRP's Santan application at your September 14 hearing.

We are convinced that additional generating capacity will be needed soon to meet the east Valley's continued growth. Speedy construction of an 825-megawatt gas-fired combined-cycle plant at the Santan will provide an economically practical and environmentally compatible means of meeting the region's mounting electricity demands. While having a reliable supply of affordably priced electricity is important to Cerprobe, we recognize that ensured electric supply also is important to our employees, their families and the overall economy of East Valley. The technology proposed for Santan project would appear to offer a good solution to local electric supply-and-demand challenges, until such time as additional electric resources can be made be available.

Cerprobe is a recognized world leader in the design and manufacture of semiconductor test interconnect solutions. The Company offers products and integrated systems for wafer and IC package testing. Cerprobe markets and distributes its products and systems worldwide, and operates domestic manufacturing facilities in Arizona, California, and Texas and international manufacturing facilities in France, Scotland, Taiwan, and Singapore. Local customers include Motorola, Intel, and Microchip Technology. Cerprobe has maintained its headquarters in the east Valley for more than twenty years, moving from Tempe to Gilbert in 1997. Cerprobe currently employs approximately 250 people in Gilbert; most local employees reside with their families in the east Valley. Additional information about Cerprobe is available at www.cerprobe.com.

Respectfully,

Paul R. Tullis
Vice President, Worldwide Facilities



September 5, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
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Dear Mr. Bullis:

The Gilbert Chamber of Commerce supports the SRP Generating Plant Expansion project in Gilbert and encourages state agencies involved in the plant siting permit process to approve construction. The basis of this support is the need for a reliable power source in the future for our businesses. Power outages and blackouts will be detrimental to our businesses and result in tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost time and production.

We strongly recommend that SRP do everything within its control to make sure the offsets required be used here in Gilbert and Williams Gateway Airport. In addition, we encourage SRP to continue working with the residents and businesses surrounding the site to address their legitimate concerns.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at 480-507-8255 or Kathy Langdon, President/CEO of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, at 480-892-1103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Hyland', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Tony Hyland
Chairman of the Board

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September 6, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert; Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As chairman of the 6,500-member Arizona Utility Investors Association and one long involved in local power and water issues, I am convinced that SRP's proposal to expand its Santan Generating Station in Gilbert should be allowed to go forward as proposed.

The proposed construction of an 825-megawatt combined-cycle plant at the existing Santan facility is needed to provide a reliable power supply and maintain voltage control in SRP's rapidly growing east Valley service territory.

The plant's technology and aesthetic treatments developed jointly by a Gilbert citizens group and SRP will ensure that surrounding neighborhoods are not harmed. Additionally, approval of the Santan Expansion Project will send a message to utility investors that Arizona knows how to balance its energy and environmental needs, and is not about to repeat the mistakes that have driven California into political turmoil over inadequate electricity supplies.

Sincerely,

Robert A. O'Leary

cc: Mr. Bill Meek

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Re: Salt River Project Santan Generating Station, Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis,

Much has changed in Arizona since my family settled here more than a century ago. As more people follow us here, our explosive growth continues to challenge our Valley and those that provide us needed services.

So, I've been reading with interest the smattering of letters to the editor opposing SRP's proposed expansion of its longtime Santan Generating Station in Gilbert.

I recognize that power plants and transmission lines are on no one's top-ten list of having next door, but they are an increasing reality in a growing region such as ours.

From what I understand of SRP's Santan expansion proposal, they will use the latest and cleanest technology for their new facility. SRP will also clean up the old power plant to reduce its emissions. Additionally, they are promising aggressive visual and noise mitigation measures that will improve the Santan site. Santan's expansion will also bring more tax dollars to improve our schools and fund needed government services.

SRP's proposals for Santan seem reasonable and responsible to me. The growth of our Valley dictates the challenging need for more power. As a community, we must all share in these infrastructure challenges.

UDALL, SHUMWAY, BLACKHURST,
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September 6, 2000

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The Salt River Project has been part of Arizona's history for almost as long as my family. They have a long and solid record of doing what's needed for the benefit of the whole community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David K. Udall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David K. Udall

September 6, 2000

Mr. Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Dear Mr. Bullis,

As Tribune news stories have documented, tremendous growth has pushed East Valley communities to the point where our combined electricity demands are rapidly outstripping available power supplies.

In 113 degree weather last month, SRP issued a plea for voluntary energy conservation as demands on its power system broke all-time records, pushing the utility's electric system close to physical limits.

Do we really need to suffer chronic power outages to prove wrong a small group of Gilbert residents who want to stop SRP from building a critically needed new power plant at its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert?

The opponents, calling themselves Citizens Opposed to San Tan (COST), say the new plant isn't needed, even as growth in Gilbert and other east Valley cities continues at 10 percent to 15 percent a year. And they flat out ignore news stories on electricity shortages around the nation and in California where outages this summer have cost tens of millions of dollars in economic losses.

Let SRP build its \$400 million Santan Expansion Project. The plant will burn natural gas, will be clean, quiet and, under an SRP agreement with the Town of Gilbert, surrounded by landscaping and other features to disguise its visual impacts.

The facility also will require SRP to pay some \$100 million in property taxes to local governments. These are good tax benefits. But even more, we need the power.

Sincerely,



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September 6, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman
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*Re: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station;
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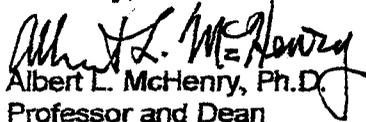
I am requesting that this letter in support of SRP's proposed expansion to its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert be included as a formal part of the docket on the Santan project, Siting Committee Case. No. 105.

Upon reviewing the energy supply needs of Maricopa County, it is apparent that additional generating resources will be needed within the next two to four years to meet our region's continuing population growth. Nowhere is this need more apparent than in the East Valley, where growth is continuing at rates at or exceeding 10 percent per year. As Dean of the College of Technology and Applied Sciences at ASU East (the former Williams Air Force Base) I see the change daily.

The proposed Santan Expansion Project would use the cleanest available fossil-fuel technology to meet the region's rapidly increasing electric demands over the next decade and beyond. The plant would provide an environmentally acceptable and economically efficient means to power the grid, while more advanced technologies are being developed. Developing micro-technologies could provide a highly promising means for easing peak-electric demands by allowing customers the option of installing solar thermal, fuel-cell or micro-turbine generators.

Until such technologies are available on a low-cost, mass basis our communities' immediate need will continue to depend on large-scale generation. The proposed Santan expansion will meet short-term needs in a manner that will satisfy environmental standards and challenges posed by the ongoing rapid growth.

Sincerely,


Albert L. McHenry, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean

September 7, 2000

Mr. Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
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1200 W. Washington
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Re: Salt River Project Santan Generating Station, Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis,

After attending a Public Education Open House hosted by SRP several weeks ago, I am convinced that SRP's plan to expand its Santan power plant is a much needed addition to the East Valley.

Coincidentally, shortly after I attended the open house, the news was filled with stories of places like Detroit and San Francisco where energy companies are having to conduct "rolling brownouts" (shutting off power in neighborhoods for a short amount of time) in order to avoid large-scale power outages.

Regrettably, we may face exactly that scenario because of a small vocal group that would have us believe the need for additional electricity does not exist.

Salt River Project hasn't built a new generation facility in the East Valley since the early 1970's. What if the East Valley's electric system can no longer meet intense summertime demands? After years of reliable service, perhaps we take for granted the benefits of a consistent and low-cost supply of electricity from SRP.

I urge everyone in the East Valley to look at the big picture and support SRP's efforts to expand its Santan Generation Facility. We need it if we're going to have enough power for our homes, schools, businesses and industries.

Sincerely,



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In reply refer to:
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SPECTRUMASTRO

7 September 2000

Attn: Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman
Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert

Reference: State Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee, Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a manufacturer of advanced satellite components and a major employer in the Town of Gilbert, Spectrum Astro concurs with the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce's position in support of SRP's Santan Expansion Project.

The additional power generating capacity, we believe, will be necessary to maintaining reliable power deliveries to East Valley communities as electric demand continues to increase over the coming years. SRP's plans for building a natural-gas fired facility at its existing Santan site would appear to utilize the best available environmental technology to meet the energy needs of local businesses and residents. We would, therefore, encourage the Siting Committee to approve SRP's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to build the Santan Expansion Project.

Spectrum Astro is a rapidly growing high technology aerospace manufacturer, which employs 450 people at its East Valley location. We are currently laying the groundwork for our new 80 acre campus where we will build up to one million square feet of new office and manufacturing space over the next 20 years. Our initial phase to begin this fall will be 270 thousand square feet and requires six megawatts of power at peak load. Thus, we believe it is critical that SRP continues to build capacity to meet the growth needs in the East Valley. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


for. W. David Thompson
President and CEO

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Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
C/O Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Re: In support of the SRP application to expand its Santan Generating Station, Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case Number 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

While the Siting Committee deserves commendation for its August 14 action approving the Kyrene Expansion Project in south Tempe, additional approval of SRP's Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert will be necessary if East Valley communities are to have a reliable supply electricity.

As you know, the East Valley's population growth is among the fastest in the nation and, according to newspaper reports, already has challenged SRP's ability to supply electricity to its eastern service area. Without the Santan Project, Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa and other east Valley communities will be faced in coming summers with kinds of outages that have afflicted Californians. Such outages can be prevented if SRP is allowed to proceed with plans for expanding its Santan Generating Station.

As a longtime Valley resident with both family and business interests in the East Valley, I would urge the State Power Plant Siting Committee to approve SRP's plans for expanding the Santan Generating Station in Town of Gilbert. Aesthetic plans for the plant, together with required emission reductions and offsets, make it clear that the project would provide a safe, clean and effective way of meeting the East Valley's burgeoning energy needs.

Sincerely,



F. Rockne Arnett
Risk & Insurance Services - Sales

Vulcan Materials Company

September 7, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

***Re: Concerning SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station;
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105***

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As one of the Southwest's largest producers of road surfacing products and a major consumer of electricity, Vulcan Materials Inc. strongly supports SRP's plans for building additional generating capacity at its Santan Generating Station in Gilbert. In this regard, we would request that this letter be made part of the formal docket on SRP's Santan application.

The addition of 825-megawatts of generating capacity to SRP's Santan facility in Gilbert and 250-megawatts at SRP's Kyrene plant in south Tempe will be essential to meeting escalating power demands in the southeast Valley over the next five- to 10 years. Without these resources, it is clear that electric demands will soon exceed supplies, putting large segments of SRP's customer base at risk of outages, economic losses and potential volatility in the future price of electricity.

As you are know, California's severe shortages of generating resources have resulted in curtailed supplies this summer, with attendant blackout, brownouts and doubling of electric prices the San Diego area. At one of our plants in Mission Valley, Vulcan Materials experienced a \$178,000 increase in our monthly electric bill. This kind of economic damage cannot be allowed to occur in Arizona. We urge the Siting Committee to render a favorable decision on SRP's Santan Expansion Project.

Vulcan Materials Company, the largest Rock & Sand producer in the United States with 7 operating locations in Phoenix, is very concerned about the economic conditions in all of its operating properties. Expansion to carry the continuing growth is essential for strong economy.

Sincerely,



Area Operations Manager AZ/NM

ELAINE G. MORRISON
720 West Elliot Road
Gilbert, Arizona 85233

September 7, 2000

Chairman Paul Bullis
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: In support of SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station; Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

As a ten-year Governing Board member of the Gilbert Unified School District, a resident of the Town of Gilbert for 17 years, and a member of a family which homesteaded in the area during the early part of the 20th Century, I find three compelling reasons to endorse the Salt River Project's proposal for expanding its Santan Generating Station near the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Warner Road:

First, the growth of my community for the past 30 years has been among the fastest in Maricopa County and the nation. (As U. S. Census figures attest, Gilbert's population has expanded from 1,971 people in 1970 to 29,188 in 1990 to a current population estimated at 108,000.) The original Santan plant came on line in 1972 and was surrounded by row-irrigated farm fields. Homes and commercial users have encroached everywhere, causing a huge and growing demand for electric power;

Second, the Gilbert Unified School District, with 30,000 students enrolled this fall, now ranks as the fifth largest in the state. Like other growing districts adjacent to us, we depend on reliable electricity to power our classrooms, computers, business operations, and overall educational mission. We cannot afford a situation like that in San Diego where inadequate power resources have exposed the entire community to repeated outages and radical increases in electric rates;

Third, SRP has nearly a 100-year reputation for serving its customers and communities reliably, competently, and well. In pursuing its Santan plans, SRP conducted an extensive public outreach program and invited citizens to help formulate the proposed plant's design and environmental aspects. I am aware a small, vocal minority has taken a "not-in-my-backyard" position against SRP's proposed Santan expansion. Their narrow position will not serve the interests of the larger Gilbert community as it grows into its future.

Sincerely,



Elaine G. Morrison



September 7, 2000

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
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**Re: In the matter of SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station;
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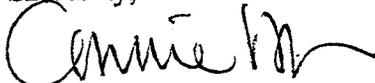
I am writing on behalf of the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona to support SRP's proposal for expanding its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert. I would request that this statement be made a formal part of the docket record for Committee Case No. 105.

As the representative of the industry which provides housing to the thousands who are moving to the Valley each month, the Home Builders Association takes a keen interest in issues affecting the essential infrastructure that supports the Valley's economy. The provision of a reliable supply of electricity is high on our list of concerns. In this regard, we are well aware that continued, rapid development in the East Valley will soon challenge SRP's ability to provide electricity absent construction of new generating resources.

While additional generating resources and transmission ultimately will be needed to serve Central Arizona, the process for siting such facilities is time-consuming and will carry delays. Unfortunately, delays in siting new generation are likely to leave our communities increasingly vulnerable over coming summers to power interruptions and forced outages. This is economically, politically and socially unacceptable.

The Santan Expansion Project, we believe, will provide an expeditious and environmentally safe means of resolving electric supply-and-demand problems facing Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa, Queen Creek and adjacent areas. We, therefore, enjoin the Siting Committee to approve SRP's application for constructing a clean-burning, gas-fired facility at its existing Santan Generating Station. The need, simply put, is critical.

Sincerely,


Connie Wilhelm, President

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September 7, 2000

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission
Line Siting Committee
Office of the Attorney General
1275 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2926

Dear Mr. Bullis: **L-00000B-00-0105**

We are members of the Santan Community Working Group (CWG).

This group has been meeting since November 1999 and has carefully examined SRP's plan to expand its Santan Power Plant to allow for additional generation capacity. During these many months, the group has received information regarding SRP's needs for additional generation as well as the air quality, water, aesthetics and other environmental impacts of the proposed expansion.

It has come to our attention that Ms. Cathy D. Duplissa-Lopez has indicated that she will represent the Santan Community Working Group at the Santan CEC Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2000 before the Siting Committee.

We thought it was important to clarify for the Siting Committee that Ms. Lopez does not represent the opinions of the undersigned members of the group nor those of the Santan Community Working Group as a whole.

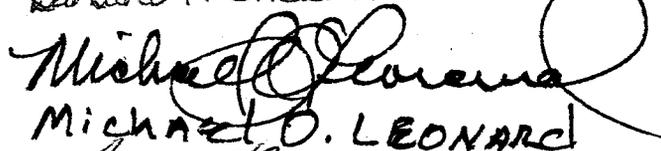
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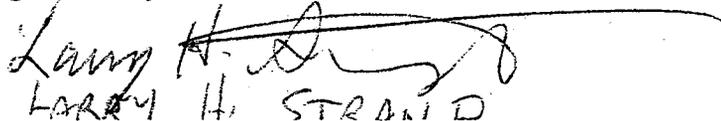
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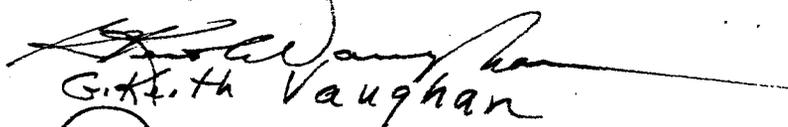
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September 8, 2000

MR. PAUL BULLIS, CHARIMAN

Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
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*RE: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station
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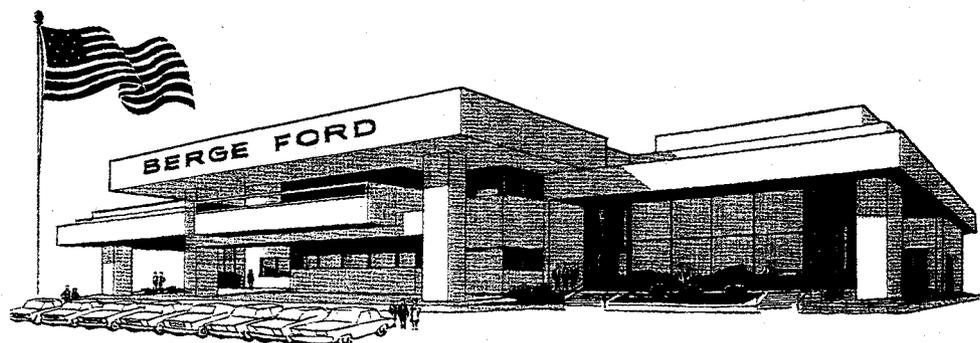
As one of the East Valley's oldest and largest automobile dealers, Berge Ford is well aware that our region's robust economy depends on maintaining an up-to-date set of essential services and resources, including electric power generation and delivery. In this regard, we firmly support SRP's plans for expanding power production at its Santan Generating Station in the Town of Gilbert.

In reviewing SRP's plans, we are convinced that the additional generating capacity will quickly be needed to serve the East Valley's rapidly expanding economy. The proposed Santan Expansion Project appears to offer the best means to fill a growing gap in power demand and supply, with the least environment impact. It also appears that SRP has engaged in a thorough public process to develop a publicly acceptable plan for its project.

Berge Ford has been serving the East Valley area since 1944, and we know that this Valley is totally dependent on its power and water supply. SRP has provided these resources very ably for many years. We need this power.

Sincerely,

Craig M. Berge
President



September 12, 2000

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
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Sincerely,

Maggie Cathey
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Richard K. Andrews

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No one has been selected by this group as a spokesperson, nor has any vote been taken by this group supporting an individual to represent us.



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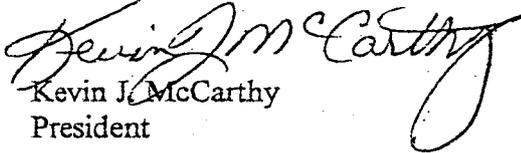
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Re: Case No. 105 - Santan Expansion Project

Dear Committee Members:

It is my understanding that some issues have been raised regarding the impact of adding the Santan Project to the property tax base in Gilbert, specifically related to school financing. I am submitting this affidavit to help clear up any questions which might exist on this subject. I hope this information will be helpful to the committee members.

Sincerely,


Kevin J. McCarthy
President

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AFFIDAVIT OF KEVIN McCARTHY

State of Arizona)
) ss. **L-00000B-00-0105**
County of Maricopa)

KEVIN McCARTHY, being first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and states as follows:

1. That I am a resident of Gilbert and the President of Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA), a nonprofit corporation that monitors Arizona tax laws and promotes efficiency and economy in Arizona governments. I am familiar with Arizona tax laws and school finance laws, and I am competent to testify to the statements made herein.

2. That I am aware that there have been some confusing statements regarding the plans of Salt River Project (SRP), one of ATRA's 400 members, to expand their power plant at the existing Santan site in Gilbert. Some concerned citizens in Gilbert have questioned whether the tax revenues generated by the Santan facility will benefit the community as much as the SRP has stated.

3. That I have reviewed SRP's figures, and I am convinced that SRP's statement that the Santan project will pay about \$100 million in taxes over the next 21 years is correct. Reasonable estimates are that the Santan expansion plant will generate, over the next 21 years, over \$31 million in tax revenues to the following sources:

- \$8.9 million to Maricopa County
- \$3.4 million to County Equalization for schools
- \$8.2 million to the Town of Gilbert
- \$7.8 million to the Maricopa Community College District
- \$838,000 to the East Valley Institute of Technology
- \$1.6 million to special districts including hospital, flood control and library districts

4. That the remaining \$69 million (\$3.3 million per year) of the \$100 million will go to the Gilbert Unified School District (GUSD). Of the \$69 million paid to GUSD, about \$29 million will reduce the State Aid for Education and about \$40 million will reduce the property tax burden of other taxpayers. While state law appropriately limits the amount schools can spend based on student enrollment and not property wealth, the added Santan value will benefit all taxpayers by spreading the tax burden for bond debt service and budget overrides.

5. That in the first year alone the Santan expansion is projected to drop the GUSD tax rate from the current \$8.97 to \$8.82, a reduction of \$22.50 in annual property taxes for a home valued at \$150,000. When the SRP plant is fully on-line in the sixth year those annual savings climb to \$44.26.

6. That the added Santan value would also increase the GUSD's capacity to sell general obligation bonds. Under the new Student's FIRST law, GUSD's debt limitation was decreased from thirty percent of GUSD's net assessed value to ten percent. The Students FIRST law allows GUSD to sell "Class B" general obligation bonds to meet capital needs that exceed the minimum requirements now funded by the state. The added net assessed value of the Santan facility will increase GUSD's net assessed value and in turn increase its Class B bond debt capacity.

7. That the foregoing analysis relates to the property tax impact and does not address the additional state and county transaction privilege (sales), use and excise tax revenues and additional city transaction privilege tax revenues generated by the construction and operation of an expanded Santan plant.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Kevin McCarthy

KEVIN McCARTHY

State of Arizona)
) ss.
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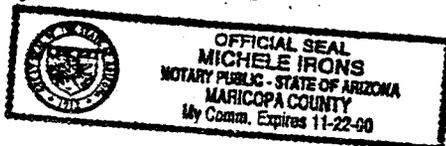
On this the 23rd day of October, 2000, before me, Michele Irons, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Kevin McCarthy, known to me to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Michele Irons

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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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

L-0000B-00-0105

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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November 24, 2001

Paul Bullis, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
c/o Docket Control
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1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Dear Mr. Bullis:

We are writing you in support of SRP's proposed expansion of the Santan Generating Station. We have lived in Gilbert for more than eight years, having witnessed an incredible amount of growth during that time. When we first moved to Gilbert in early 1992, the town's population was about 30,000 residents. Today, as you know, the population is in excess of 100,000.

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.

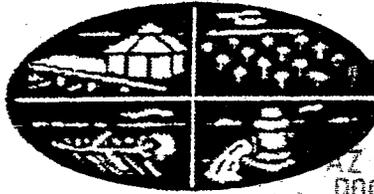
Sincerely,



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November 30, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman
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1200 W. Washington St.
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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.

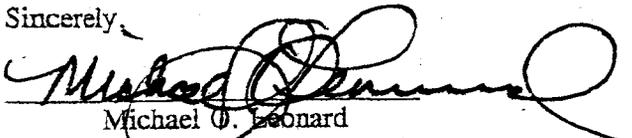
My participation on the Santan Community Working Group over the past summer also has convinced me that the expansion can be developed in a way that will have no impact on property values nor on the quality of life of neighbors residing near the plant. Aesthetic mitigation plans developed by the Community Working Group, with full public input, will be more than sufficient to offset any impacts of the plant expansion.

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.

While certain neighborhood opponents have the right to have a different opinion on the project and to ask tough questions about SRP's Santan plans, extensive cross-examinations by such opposition intervenors have failed to turn up any solid reasons why the Santan Project should be denied a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.

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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General Manager

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December 4, 2000

Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman, Arizona Power Plant
And Transmission Line Siting Committee
C/o Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Proposed SanTan Expansion Project, Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Chairman Bullis and Siting Committee Members:

Williams Gateway Airport is at the center of a 10,000 acre employment node which includes parts of Mesa, Gilbert, and Queen Creek. This area will generate thousands of new jobs over the next two decades.

Critical to the economic development of this area is the provision of reliable, inexpensive electric power. It is imperative that Williams Gateway Airport, its customers and tenants, the flying public, and surrounding businesses are supplied with dependable, affordable power.

Expansion of SRP's electrical power system will be a key factor in the growth of jobs and economic activity in the Gateway area. We rely on SRP to work with local governments and regulators to determine the most appropriate way to increase electric power available to our business community.

Very truly yours,

Lynn F. Kusy
Executive Director

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December 5, 2000

Paul Bullis, Chairman
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1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

Mr. Paul Bullis
Arizona Powerplant and Transmission Line
C/O Docket Control Siting Committee
Arizona Corporate Commission
1206 W. Washington Street
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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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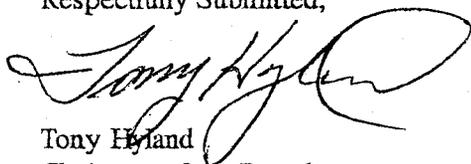
becomes patently clear the Siting Committee would be forced to deal with the nightmare of locating towers and transmission lines throughout the East Valley in order to meet future power requirements.

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". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tony Hyland
Chairman of the Board



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December 8, 2000

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Paul Bullis, Chairman

Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee
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1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SRP's application to build the Santan Expansion Project, Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

Arizona State University's mission and obligation to provide first-rate baccalaureate education at its rapidly expanding ASU East campus compels me to write in support of SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert.

The ASU East campus at the former Williams Air Force Base is experiencing significant growth in its student population with a 70 percent increase in enrollment over the past 24 months. By conservative estimates, we project that ASU East enrollment will increase from approximately 2,000 students this year to more than 10,000 students by 2010. And that's just our growth at ASU East. The Williams Campus master plan projects a campus buildout of 30,000 students by 2010.

To meet these demands, ASU East is pursuing a vigorous capital development program that ultimately will turn the campus into one of the largest educational institutions in the East Valley, with energy needs many times what they are now. Having reliable and affordable supplies of electric power will be critical to our programs, operations and increasing emphasis on computer sciences and other advanced technologies.

Your committee's decision on whether to approve SRP's request for building an additional 825 megawatts of generation at the Santan location has direct bearing on ASU East. I'm personally convinced that the proposed Santan expansion offers the quickest, most sufficient means of meeting the East Valley's power supply needs. Alternatives would take several years longer to bring on line and would leave the East Valley vulnerable in the interim to power shortages and potential blackouts. That could have a negative impact on the growth and expansion of exciting new academic programs at ASU East.

I urge approval of the Santan Expansion Project on the premise that it will meet all EPA, state and county environmental standards.

Sincerely,

Terry C. Isaacson
Director

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Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition

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Coalition Members:

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Mr. Paul Bullis
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Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Dear Chairman Bullis,

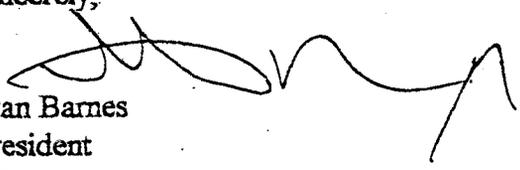
On behalf of Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition, I write in support of the Salt River Project and attempts to modernize and expand the San Tan Generating Station in Gilbert, AZ.

AECC members are keenly aware of the electricity supply shortage we face in the Phoenix area. Additionally, AECC members are aware of the difficulty in siting transmission lines through urban residential zones. Arizona needs new electric generation, and the consumer electric load in Maricopa County creates a need for local generation.

For these reasons and many others, AECC members believe SRP plans for the San Tan Generating Station are necessary and appropriate.

As President of a coalition dedicated to bringing the benefits of a competitive electricity industry to the marketplace, I respectfully request your support for the SRP application regarding the San Tan Generating Station.

Sincerely,


Stan Barnes
President
AECC

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Members

CC: Salt River Project

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SRP's Santan Expansion Project Key Points to Consider

SRP is experiencing massive growth, particularly in its East Valley service territory, encompassing Gilbert, Mesa, Chandler, Apache Junction, Tempe and Ahwatukee:

- 500,000 people have moved into the region since the area's last power plant was built in the early 1970s;
- 27,000 customers were added to SRP system last year, the majority in the east Valley;
- 16.5 percent customer growth in SRP's service territory over the past 5 years;
- Population growth in the Gilbert, Chandler, Queen Creek areas is continuing at 15 percent annually, among the fastest growth rates in the state and nation.

Forecasts indicate SRP faces a growing gap between electric supplies and demand:

- SRP's delivered record amounts of energy this summer, peaking at 5,002 megawatts July 26 compared to the previous record of 4,666 megawatts in August 1998;
- By 2003, supplies could fall short by as much as 800 megawatts, the equivalent amount of electricity consumed by 200,000 average-sized households;
- To deal with shortages, SRP could be forced to resort to "rolling blackouts" like those implemented by California utilities this summer with heavy costs to customers.

Because transmission into the Valley is limited, construction of local generation offers the best means of closing the supply-demand gap with least delay:

- Much of the Valley's electricity is currently generated in remote areas;
- While new merchant plants are being planned outside the Valley, most of the electricity from those plants will be sold to electricity-hungry California and other areas;
- New transmission lines into the Valley ultimately will be needed, but getting state and federal approvals to site and build such lines will take years;

SRP consequently is seeking permits to add generation to its existing Santan Generating Station in Gilbert and to Kyrene Generating Station in south Tempe:

- The Kyrene Expansion Project would use clean-burning natural gas to generate an additional 250 megawatts (ACC approval still must be obtained);
- The Santan Expansion Project also would use clean-burning natural gas to generate an additional 825 megawatts (a hearing is scheduled for September 14 before the ACC's Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee);
- Both projects will meet or exceed federal and state environmental regulations and will take advantage of existing distribution systems, natural gas and water supplies;
- The two facilities will greatly improve system reliability and voltage control – both crucial to the Valley's high-tech economy and lifestyle, and to high-tech industries (Motorola, Intel, Spectrum Astro, Cerprobe, TRW, and other SRP customers);
- Local generation is the most cost-effective solution;
- The Santan Expansion Project will generate \$101 million in local taxes over 21 years, \$68 million of which will go to broadening local school district tax base.

SANTAN EXPANSION PROJECT



SRP wants you to know what's happening with the Santan Expansion Project. Get more facts about the project at www.santanfacts.org, or call the 24-hour information line at **(602) 954-8156**.

To host a small-group meeting to learn more about the Santan Expansion Project, please call **Janeen Rohovit** at **(602) 236-2679**.

Intergovernmental agreement

The Town of Gilbert will receive about **\$5 million** in municipal improvements as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) recently reached with SRP. The IGA is related to SRP's efforts to meet energy demand through expansion of its Santan Generating Station.

According to the IGA, SRP will:

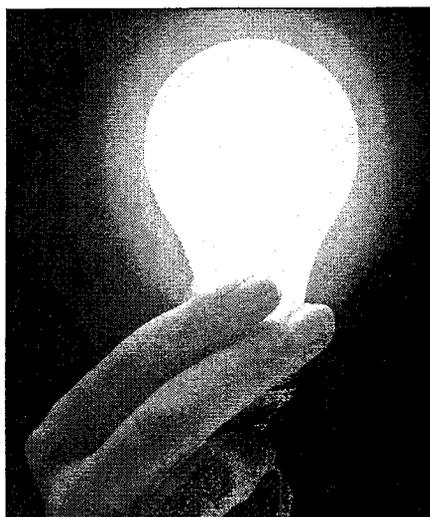
- ◆ Widen Warner Road near the Santan Generating Station property. The project also includes sidewalk relocation, a new median, and lighting and landscaping on the north side of Warner Road.
- ◆ Extend the horseback and hiking trail near Santan. SRP will design and develop a trail on the eastern edge of its property, complete with crossing lights and trailheads. A bridge to continue the trail over the Eastern Canal into Crossroads Park also will be built.
- ◆ Widen Val Vista Drive near the entrance of the Santan Generating Station property.
- ◆ Screen the north and east sides of the Santan Generating Station property. This may include the use of vegetation, trees, walls and berms to better integrate the property with the surrounding area.
- ◆ Reroute the Eastern Canal near Val Vista Drive and Ray Road.
- ◆ Remove a large transmission training tower on the Santan Generating Station property.

SRP also will develop a plan for dust control along its canals within Gilbert, and will add landscaping, trees and vegetation along transmission facilities and other designated areas.

As part of the IGA, SRP and Gilbert will arrange for cooling water supply and discharge, and a natural gas supply.

SRP is proposing an 825-megawatt, state-of-the-art, clean-burning natural gas, combined-cycle generating facility at Santan to help serve the growing demand for electricity. New natural gas generating units are an efficient and clean way to generate electricity.

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Project description

Specifications

- ◆ Combined-cycle, state-of-the-art, natural gas generation
- ◆ An 825-megawatt plant with three 150-foot stacks on up to 20 acres of existing 118-acre SRP property
- ◆ Available to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- ◆ Up to 25 full-time positions; up to 300 jobs during construction
- ◆ Permitting activities, including the public planning process, are expected to continue into 2001. Design is planned for the 2000-to-2004 period. Construction is expected to take place from 2004 to 2005, with the plant becoming operational in 2005 or 2006.

Environmental

- ◆ Lowest achievable emissions available today
- ◆ Net benefit to Valley airshed due to offsets — most achieved at the site through existing plant equipment upgrades
- ◆ No visible emissions, smoke, dust or odors
- ◆ Sound reduction technology will minimize noise
- ◆ SRP will work with the Town of Gilbert to determine the best available water supply for the new plant
- ◆ Site enhancements — perimeter landscaping, Warner Road widening, extended equestrian trail, canal straightening

Community benefits

- ◆ Continues local power reliability
- ◆ Increases local self-reliance
- ◆ Reduces need for new import transmission lines
- ◆ Serves projected Southeast Valley electrical demand growth
- ◆ Uses most efficient fossil-fuel generation technology
- ◆ Offers tax revenue increase estimated at **\$101 million** (over 21 years)

Development advantages

- ◆ Generation facilities currently on site
- ◆ Ample transmission available "on-site" (region will require additional transmission capacity)
- ◆ Existing natural gas right-of-way
- ◆ Land available at site
- ◆ Near rail and highway

Facility participants

- ◆ SRP, the largest electricity and water supplier to metropolitan Phoenix and current owner of Santan Generating Station.

Key facts

- ◆ One-hundred percent of the power will be available to serve Southeast Valley electric customers.
- ◆ The plant will meet all air quality standards to protect public health.
- ◆ The Gilbert Unified School District will receive about **\$68 million** in new taxes from the project (over 21 years).
- ◆ Improvements to the Santan property will ensure compatibility with the surrounding community.

Power up

San Tan expansion needed, and SRP has acted responsibly

Among the many hard lessons to be learned from California's energy nightmare is that while regulators must be environmentally responsible in considering proposed power plants, they cannot afford to be timid.

Arizona's Power Plant and Line Siting Committee should keep that in mind as it meets again today to consider Salt River Project's proposal to expand its San Tan Generating Station in Gilbert.

Getting a new power plant built just about anyplace in the country nowadays is a daunting challenge. Environmentalists oppose virtually every one of them. The hue and cry is even louder when the plant is to be built in or near an urban area, and neighborhood groups are quick to mobilize.

People who live near a proposed plant site have every right to be concerned, ask questions and request modifications that would be in the community's best interests. And in the case of the San Tan expansion, SRP has listened and responded responsibly.

First, though, it must be understood that the overriding community interest is ensuring an ample supply of electric energy without compromising public health and safety. SRP is doing that.

The bottom line from the standpoint of

public health is that the San Tan plant will emit less — not more — pollution per year after the expansion than it does now. By law, for every 10 pounds of pollutants SRP adds to the air from new plants, it must find ways to cut pollutants by 12 pounds.

It will accomplish that in part by spending \$30 million on pollution control equipment for San Tan's existing generators, reducing emissions from a current annual average of 2,600 tons to about 1,000 tons. The efficient new natural-gas generators would produce about 890 tons of emissions per year, for a net reduction of about 670 tons per year.

SRP also has offered to convert Gilbert school buses to "green" fuels, purchase dust-reducing vacuum street sweepers for the town and to financially support public-transit expansion. Furthermore, the utility has pledged landscaping on and around the San Tan plant grounds to screen the generators and stacks from the surrounding neighborhoods.

It seems to us that SRP has pledged to do all that reasonably could be expected of a utility in terms of environmental and aesthetic measures while still carrying out its vital obligation to ensure our growing area doesn't run out of power. SRP's officials have stayed true to their long-standing reputation of good corporate and community citizenship.

It is now up to the Plant and Line Siting Committee, and ultimately the Arizona Corporation Commission, to act responsibly by promptly approving this important project.

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Power pickle

SRP expansion essential to keep us out of a jam

BY TONY HYLAND
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

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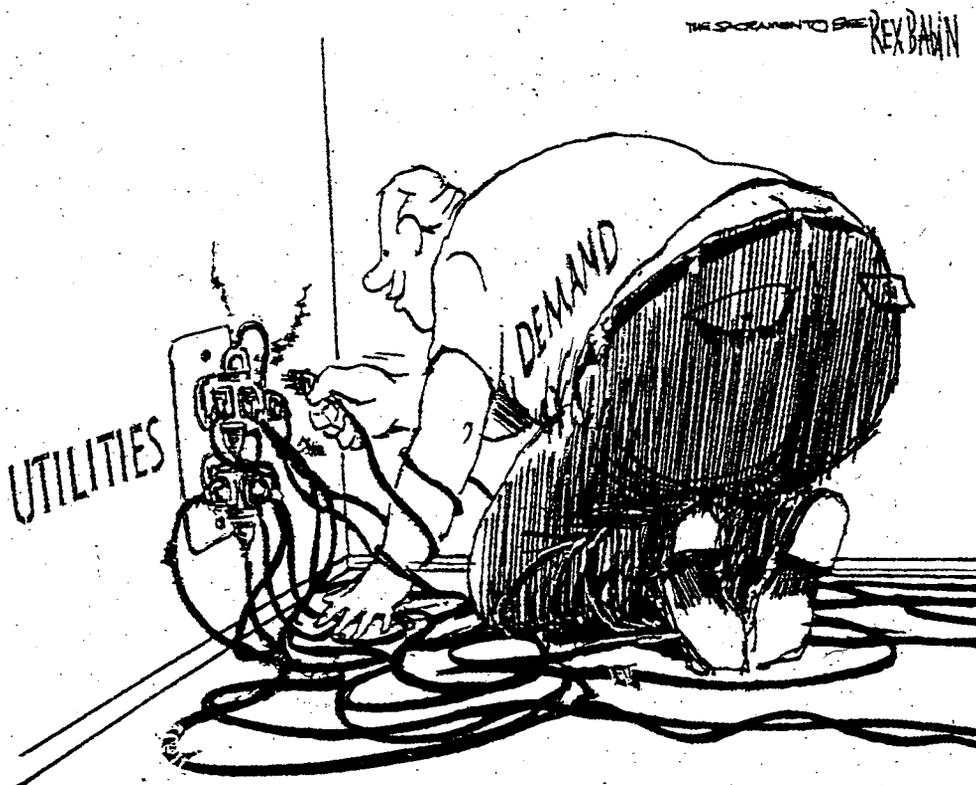
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SRP has agreed to spend at least \$20 million on a score of mitigation measures, including heavy landscape screen-

ing to conceal plant structures and obscure much of the plant's three emission stacks.

The state Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, an arm of the Arizona Corporation Commission, has a deadline of Feb. 15 to say "yea" or "nay" to SRP's San Tan plans. A recommendation will go to the ACC for a final decision in late March or April.

Responsible action by state decision-makers dictates that SRP, which has made commendable efforts to include local citizenry in its planning, receive approval to build its San Tan Expansion Project.

— Tony Hyland is chairman of the board of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce.

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EDITORIAL: OUR VIEW

CALIF. ELECTRIC CRISIS IS WARNING Keep our lights on!

Once again, we look to California for a hint of what's to come. And once again, our friend to the west is no beacon of light.

Because of a current electricity crisis, what's happening in California – the threat of rolling blackouts, the possibility of power cuts, the likelihood of increased consumer rates – is what could happen in Arizona, unless steps are taken now to meet our future electricity needs.

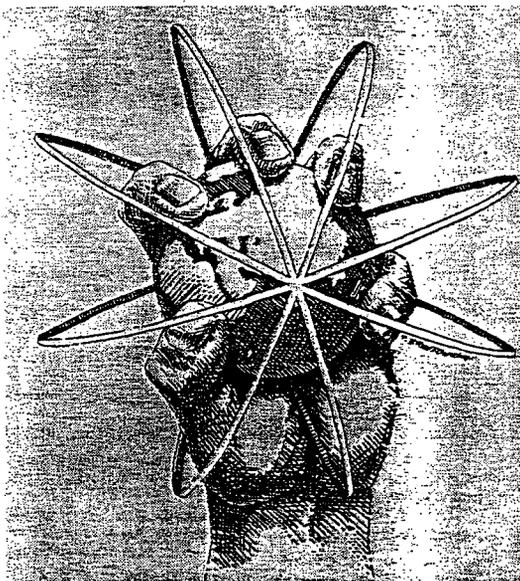
The Salt River Project's plan to expand its Santan facility in Gilbert is one of those important steps.

Arizona is not California. But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has said Arizona and other Western states are not immune to similar dire situations because of a severe shortage of electricity.

How dire? California state officials believe SoCal Edison, one of its two largest utilities, might soon need to cut power for four- to six-hour intervals to about 5 million customers. That's about half of the utility's service area.

The California Public Utilities Commission appears poised to impose electricity rate increases. The SoCal and Pacific Gas & Electric have asked for rate increases of between 10 percent and 17 percent.

Without new generation capability, the supply of electricity in Arizona will not meet demand in the not-so-distant future. Santan's expansion



needs to be done. Plain, if not simple.

An extraordinarily long public hearing process on the plant expansion proposal ended last week. The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee could make a preliminary recommendation as early as Jan. 26 on the SRP's request to add an 825-megawatt plant to the existing 300-megawatt facility.

During 17 days of testimony, Gilbert residents told the committee of its concerns about the proposal's impact on residential property values, the environment and the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The SRP counters there's no good way to determine the proposal's impact on property values. We do know, however, that people are still buying and selling houses near the plant.

As for visual impact, yes, there will be 150-foot stacks in sight. But several of the utility's recommendations for improving the site, including landscaping and trails, will mitigate the plant's physical presence.

And as for the environment, because of new technology that will be applied to the new facility and the existing generator, the SRP claims the expanded plant will reduce emissions of air pollutants from current levels.

It is important that Arizona attend to its future power needs. To do otherwise is to risk the crisis now gripping California.

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Arguments against plant spurious

Gilbert Mayor Cynthia Dunham is being unfairly accused of abandoning townsfolk by defending Salt River project's proposal to expand its Santan Generating Station. Dunham was even criticized by a member of a state regulatory panel for not testifying at hearings on the plan.

What may be forgotten — or simply not known — by Gilbert residents who've become active in opposing the plant expansion recently is that this is not a new proposal. It's been in the works — and the news — for well over a year.

Dunham explained her own and other town officials' involvement in the proposal in a commentary published on these pages Dec. 9 ("Citizens have had say on Santan plant expansion"). But even that stirred a new round of accusations.

Dunham's right. This issue has been thoroughly and publicly aired. The debate grew tiresomely repetitive months ago. Many of critics' claims, particularly of health hazards and plummeting property values, are wildly exaggerated or just plain false.

The health issue bottom line is that SRP must show a net REDUCTION in emissions before it can bring the expansion on line. It would achieve that by adding pollution controls to its existing Santan plant, using clean natural-gas technology for the new unit, and helping cut pollution from other sources of emission in the Valley.

Our fast growing East Valley needs the additional power. We need only look at our power-starved neighbors in California, where rolling blackouts are a constant threat and dirty old plants are being reactivated, to see what can happen if we block continued expansion of clean, modern power generating capacity.

Such power shortages would be more than inconvenient, not to mention uncomfortable if they occurred in the heat of summer. They also would be economically damaging. Imagine Intel and Motorola being required to cut production — as

is happening right now in California — because there isn't enough electricity to go around.

The results would be much more far-reaching and long-term than temporary furloughs or layoffs. Also affected would be future corporate decisions on where to build additional high-tech plants — probably not in areas where the public won't tolerate even environmentally friendly generating facilities.

Supporting SRP's quest for sufficient clean, dependable electric power is essential to the East Valley's economic future.

Some opponents of the Santan plant expansion say they recognize that need, but accuse SRP of wanting the plant not only to supply local needs, but to export profitable power to California and elsewhere. There's no denying some power generated in Arizona, now and in the future, finds its way to neighboring states.

But that's the nature of the power grid. It's not a self-contained system. Arizona power might go to help meet high-demand periods elsewhere in the West, but we also may import power during our summer high-demand periods.

It's not an evil conspiracy by big corporations, as some are claiming. It's the emerging electricity marketplace that is replacing the regulated monopolies of the past.

Certainly, as many additional power plants as possible should be built outside the metro area, but there are trade-offs there, as well. More big transmission lines, which neighborhood groups also hate, would be needed to bring the power into the city.

As with the Kyrene power plant expansion in Tempe, the Santan project in Gilbert will mean more badly needed clean power sooner, with fewer new transmission lines. As Gilbert's Mayor Dunham says, it's an important project that needs and deserves our support.

Although not perfect, it is far better than the alternative. Just ask Californians.

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The Honorable Marc Spitzer, Commissioner
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Re: SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert,
ACC Docket Control Number 105

Dear Commissioner Spitzer:

On behalf of the Arizona Association of School Business Officials, we are writing to urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to grant a "Certificate of Environmental Compatibility" for the construction of SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert.

As an organization committed to the financial, operational and education success of Arizona's public school districts, AASBO recognizes that electricity demands in rapidly growing areas of the East Valley are on the verge of outstripping available supplies. Like modern businesses, school districts are highly dependent on technology, computers and the provision of reliable, affordable supplies of electricity. The scale of school energy needs is witnessed by the fact that the seven largest districts in the East Valley paid the Salt River Project approximately \$20 million last year for electricity, and this does not count bills for APS and Mesa Public Utilities.

While electric costs remain an important concern to AASBO, we are equally concerned with matters of electric reliability. SRP's proposed expansion of its Santan Generating Station appears to offer a reasonable way of meeting the East Valley's growing electric demands in an environmental and cost effective means. The seven large districts serving over 125,000 students in the Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, Apache Junction and Queen Creek areas cannot afford, anymore than residents or businesses, to be exposed to the kinds of electric failures that have become common occurrence in California.

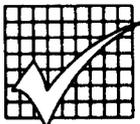
AASBO enjoins the Commission to approve the Santan Expansion Project in full, with such conditions as necessary to protect the environment, health and quality of life in the Town of Gilbert and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

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