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1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Re: ACC Case #105**  
**Docket No. L-00000B-00-0105**

Dear Corporation Commissioners:

In March 2000 my husband and I purchased a home in the Rancho Cimarron community in Gilbert. Our son and his family built a home in this development 5 years ago. After many visits, we came to know this community and decided to move to Rancho Cimarron upon our retirement.

Our home is just a few streets from Warner & Val Vista and the San Tan Plant. We were very aware of the plant and also the dairy scent from the dairy farm. This did not deter our decision because of the many other excellent features of living in this area.

- 1) Of course, being near our two sons and our grandchildren is first and foremost.
- 2) The convenient shopping available on Val Vista such as Target, Fry's Safeway, all the Banks and every fast food place with the exception of Kentucky Fried Chicken (don't know why).
- 3) The beautiful parks and green spaces available for all ages of children and adults and the Parks & Recreation programs for Seniors.
- 4) One of the most important features is the excellent school district, Gilbert Unified District #41. I recently read that many executives transferring into Phoenix prefer to live in Gilbert because of its quality school district. I have always felt very strongly about quality education and living in a good school district. I have found if the school district is good, your property values continue to increase and your children & grandchildren receive the benefits of a good education.

Shortly after our move in March 2000 it came to our attention that the San Tan Plant wanted to expand their facilities at Val Vista & Warner. I attended one of the Open Houses San Tan held and my husband and I took a tour of the Plant. My husband, who is a retired sales engineer and sold Cooling Towers, explained to me that this State of the Art Plant is a much-needed thing for Gilbert and the Valley and will be safe for the surrounding community.

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Having lived in a suburb of Chicago, we experienced (several years ago) blackouts during one of our hot, humid summers. It was a horrible situation. Many of our seniors died because of no air conditioning due to the blackout. Mayor Daley was very angry. At Commonwealth Edison heads rolled and Chicago was nationally embarrassed by the media. Believe me, the people of Gilbert do not want to experience this sort of catastrophe.

On April 3, 2001 I attended a Gilbert Town Council meeting. I went because I wanted to hear the opposition's views. I was amazed and appalled. Amazed because of the scare tactics presented in their opposition.

Concerns of ammonia railroad cars wrecking and creating a monumental evacuation. There are at least 5-6 trains that come thru the crossing at Val Vista. Can someone tell me what's in those cars?

Pollutants in the air from the Expansion. Has anyone considered the cars that are the biggest polluters in the Valley. Has anyone thought about writing their legislators and get them to correct this Alt-Fuel fiasco and make it work for everyone not just those few greedy people who did it for the rebates?

I was surprised that the County Assessor did not appear at the meeting and explain how he arrived at figures of decreasing property values by 15%. This was another scare tactic.

I was appalled at the behavior of the crowd. The leading activists would stand up and motion to the crowd to be quiet and behave. People in the crowd made many comments. One person, in favor of SRP, spoke his concern for the rolling blackouts and the effect of no air conditioning for his children. Some man in the crowd yelled, "Jump in your pool". To this man I say, "When it is 110 degrees a pool isn't going to cut it at 11:00 p.m. and you can't sleep in your pool.

I believe the Town Council was bullied into voting to refuse the resolution to accept SRP Expansion until all needs of the community are met. I truly believe if the vote went the other way, that the crowd would have become a mob.

Please remember 300 people do not constitute a community. We need power as soon as possible so we do not become another California... and if California needs power, sell it to them. Remember we are called United States and we should help each other in critical emergencies. When our forests were burning last summer, all states fire fighters came to our rescue. So it should be with power.

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My honest feeling is the C.O.S.T Group is really concerned about their property values declining. If that is true, they should PLEASE MOVE. There are many FOR SALE signs going up but they are also selling very quickly.

Commissioners be aware: This is going to be a tough crowd. I had one man say to me "you will not pass this resolution because (in a sinister tone) We'll be there".

VOTE FOR SRP, WE NEED POWER !

Sincerely,

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# ComEd getting ready for summer in Chicago

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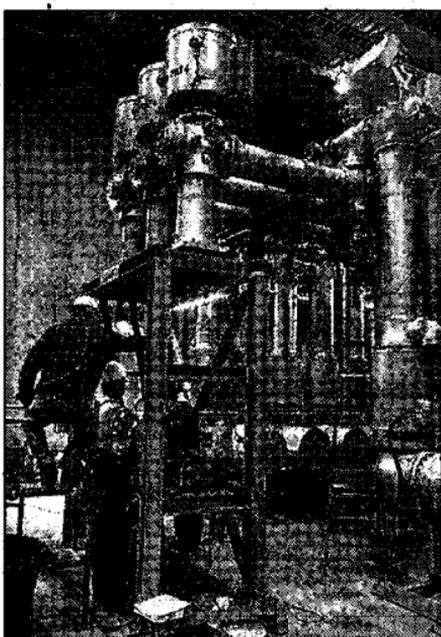
**CHICAGO** — Illinois has enough electrical capacity to keep air-conditioners humming all summer — but blackouts could occur if nuclear plants shut down or transmission networks fizzle, utility experts say.

No one expects a California-style energy crisis in Illinois. But given a recent history of summer blackouts by the state's largest utility, ComEd, some consumer activists wonder whether the system will work when energy use is at its peak.

"There should be no shortage of generation capacity. The plants are there, but as we enter the air-conditioner season, the question is always the same: Can ComEd keep the juice flowing?" said Martin Cohen, executive director of the watchdog group Citizens Utility Board.

Officials at ComEd, which serves about 3.4 million electric customers in northeastern Illinois, say the utility has made major improvements since the sweltering summer of 1999, when widespread blackouts plagued its system.

As many as 100,000 Chicago customers lost power that July amid 104-degree heat. Weeks later, another outage darkened office buildings in parts of the downtown business district and sent workers into the streets.



Associated Press

**Workers install switching gear at a Chicago ComEd substation that is being modified to double its capacity.**

ComEd is halfway through a \$1.5 billion improvement program that has added substations, increased electrical capacity and improved backup systems, said David Helwig, executive vice president for operations.

"We expect that our performance will be much improved, but far from perfect," Helwig said.

Helwig acknowledged that the utility was lucky last summer because temperatures rose above 90 degrees only a few times in the Chicago area. But he said he didn't expect any major problems this summer.