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The Hon. Bill Mundell, Chairman  
The Hon. Jim Irvin  
The Hon. Marc Spitzer  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ. 85007

Re: Need for expediting approval and construction of local generation and transmission facilities needed to serve central Arizona electric customers.

Dear Commissioners:

In view of the California electric crisis and prospects that Arizona could face energy shortages in coming summers, we urge your concerted efforts to approve and promote the development of electric resources sufficient to meet the rapidly growing electric demands of the Greater Phoenix area.

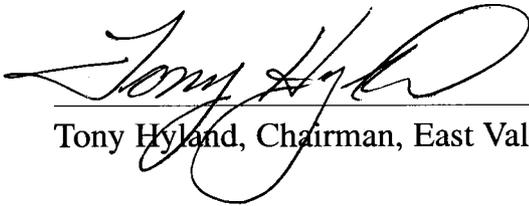
In particular, we encourage the Corporation Commission to approve the Salt River Project's 825-megawatt Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert as recommended by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee. It has become apparent that the Santan Project, like the recently approved Kyrene Expansion Project, will be critical to meeting the future energy demands of the east Valley region. Additionally, we would encourage ACC staff to continue working collaboratively with utility planners to identify and help expedite construction of the transmission infrastructures needed to ensure reliable power delivery to all of Arizona, particularly the rapidly growing east and west Valley areas.

As elected officials, your decisions will determine whether local residents, workers and businesses will avoid the energy shortages and economic consequences affecting

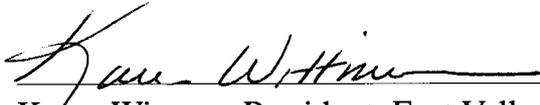
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California, the Pacific Northwest, and beginning to occur in the Northeast. Your favorable decision on applications like the Santan Expansion Project in Gilbert and plans for building the 500-KV Palo Verde Transmission Line in the west Valley will guarantee that Arizona retains valuable locally-controlled electric resources and does not fall victim to electric system failures, forced blackouts and dependency on costly imported power.

Sincerely,



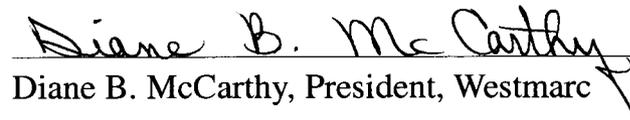
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