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*To all of the above Commissioners:
Please approve the Santan project.
We don't want to be in the situation
that California is now. Personally, we
need affordable electricity. We think
it's too high now!!*

Margie and Alan L. Davis

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Subject: srp expansion

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I am writing you in hope of further illuminating the negative impact the SRP Santan Expansion will have on the immediate neighborhood. I reside on 2096 E. Arabian Dr., or roughly 200 meters from the plant. When I built my home almost 4 years ago I was never told that it was in a power plant. I was told that it was a substation. Nowhere in my subdivision report under nuisances was the SRP plant disclosed, that is fraud. I hope you will look to the rezoning/annexation that occurred shortly before building started in Finley Farms. Mr. Finley in exchange for the rezoning of his county rural land to the City of Gilbert R-2 to R-10, gave not only a free 10 acre parcel of land to the City of Gilbert as an elementary school site, but the tax base of over 1,000 homes. Not once did SRP or any of its representatives voice their concerns of homebuilding just across the street at any of the rezoning hearings. I think from Mr. Finley, the developers, SRP, and the City of Gilbert were all in collusion to benefit themselves and cost its investors dearly. If approved lawsuits will ensue. To avoid the embarrassment of a plain bad decision I hope all of you will vote no to SRP. As residents and homeowners we succeeded in removing the two Gilbert politicians and lead proponents of the expansion, Mayor Cynthia Dunham & Councilwoman Maggie Cathey. All of you will lose any votes you ever won in Gilbert if you vote yes for this I promise you! Ask yourselves if it is just or fair? Ask yourselves if you would have 3 150ft. smokestacks towering over your backyard? Ask yourselves if you would allow such pollution for your elderly or your children? This plant does not belong in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Chad R. Hanna
Gilbert Resident

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Subject: Build more power plants!!

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I am interested in AZ NOT following the fools in CA.
I am 100% in favor of building 1) more nuclear facilities, 2) more hydro-electric dams, 3) more natural gas-powered plants, and 4) more solar power plants.

I have believed for years in nuclear power because it is safe (much safer than coal) and is cheap.

Thanks

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Date: 04/17/2001 1:54:14 PM
Subject: Support SRP San Tan Power Plant Expansion

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Commissioners Mundell, Irvin and Spitzer:

My wife and I have lived within 1 1/2 miles of the existing San Tan ~~Power Plant~~ ^{AZ CORP COMMISSION} ~~Power Plant~~ ^{DOCUMENT CONTROL} for years. When we moved to the county island northwest of the intersection of Warner and Val Vista roads the only things there were the power plant and cotton fields. They have been good neighbors. You seldom noticed they were there.

Our understanding is that the expanded plant would produce needed additional electrical capacity with less pollution than the current plant. As long as SRP's plan (and I am sure it does - not to mention citizen watch dog type groups) calls for constant monitoring of the water under the plant and the air, I think the expansion makes smart sense in the long run.

I know that there will interruptions of traffic during the expansion, but what's new with that in Gilbert.

On the positive side, SRP has promised to upgrade the site landscaping, add horse paths around the parameter, etc. In the long run the changes and power capacity would seem to make up for the construction head aches.

Finally, they are using land already set aside for power generation - and it is already "in our back yard".

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Date: 04/17/2001 11:45:38 AM
Subject: ACC case No. 105, Docket Control No. L00000B-00-0105 - RE: Maggie Cathey's Letter THE SANTAN EXPANSION PROJECT

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The letter that Maggie Cathey, Town Council Woman, wrote to Chairman Mundell of the ACC (RE: Santan Expansion Project, ACC case No. 105, Docket Control No. L00000B-00-0105) on April 10, 2001 does NOT represent the will of the people of Gilbert. I am a resident of Gilbert, and I have been watching this debate from the start. I think that Maggie should not be interjecting "her own personal opinion" into this situation when it is her JOB to represent the people of Gilbert. Her letter only makes reference to what she feels and not what the people of Gilbert feel. I want to make it clear that the SanTan expansion Project is not wanted by the people of Gilbert, not only those people in close proximity to the SanTan Power Station, but many others as well. There are many other locations that make far greater sense for such an expansion, the middle of a heavily populated area is NOT the appropriate location.

Thank you for reading my statement and I hope you truly understand the negative impact that such a project will make on this wonderful community.

- > Scott Gray, MCSE, MCP+Internet,
- > THE BOEING COMPANY
- > Windows Architecture and Integration
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Subject: SRP Expansion - Gilbert, AZ

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Yes, I'm a resident of Gilbert. Yes, I have concerns about the SRP expansion plant. The more this expansion is researched, the scarier I become.

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I have recently found out by another resident, Mr. D. Webb, who has done extensive research into soil studies in the area of the expansion. The soil is classified as CO which is unstable. I know there is another gas pipeline going to be installed down Warner Road and this is where the unstable soil is located. The expanded plant will have more weight as well. Where they are building the plant is classified as CO as well.

Secondly there is no evacuation plan designed to allow the schools to get the children out of the schools in case of an emergency. Neither is there a plan to evacuate the residents in the surrounding areas.

We are all intelligent, professional citizens in Gilbert and there are clearly several of us who have the same fears and hesitations about this expanded plant. We have stated several times that we would be willing to pay each month the additional costs of having the plant moved elsewhere (meaning outside of a residential area).

Please, please look at our concerns as not emotional but rational and sane. We love our community and Gilbert and don't want to see it ruined by a large corporation who because of its size wins an unethical war.

Thank you for keeping an open mind.

Diane Howard
Citizen of Gilbert
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From: "Nathan" <nmarushak@qwest.net>
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Subject: TO: William Mundell, Chairman -- Jim Irvin, Commissioner
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Marc Spitzer,AZ CORP COMMISSION
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Honorable Members of the ACC,

I am a resident of Rancho Cimarron, a Home Owners Association in Gilbert, located at Warner and Val Vista roads. I realize that you probably receive a lot of email and are very busy individuals, but as I am spending the time to write this message I hope you can find the time to read it.

I'm not writing to discuss facts or debate who's right, I'm writing because I'm a concerned father.

Let me continue by saying that when I moved here I was unaware of the plant. After finding out they were planning on expanding the plant I decided to research. Because I purchased the home, I decided I needed to be open and find out whether there really was something to be worried about. After spending many, many hours attending SRP open-houses, Citizens Opposing SanTan meetings, and my doing own research I decided that I whole-heartedly agree with the COST organization.

Furthermore, I'm greatly disappointed in our current mayor and current councilmember Maggie Cathey. They were given a 2nd chance recently to do the right thing and they failed. A few weeks ago the Gilbert Town Council agreed to submit a letter of opposition to your commission concerning the Santan power plant expansion. The mayor and Councilmember Cathey were opposed to the letter. I have also found out that councilmember Cathey has also circumvented the town council by sending you a separate letter stating her support of the expansion. This seems a bit childish and vindictive, not to mention demonstrates poor ethics. I want to make it clear that the people of Gilbert no longer agree with either the current mayor or councilmember Cathey. The people of Gilbert fired them both recently in the town elections!

I have read each one of your bios online trying to determine what is the character of the 3 people who will make a decision concerning my families future. It is really hard to gauge from just 1 web-page, but I noticed each one of you are father's and I hope that, as parents, you will make the right decision. When you make your decision regarding the expansion I want you to keep one thing in mind: you are not only functioning as Arizona Corporation Commission members you are also acting as my families CEO.

Thanks for your time.

Regards,
Nathan Marushak

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Gilbert, AZ 85296

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Re: Docket # L-0000B-00-0105

Jim Irvin

Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission

Phoenix, AZ

Dear Commissioner Irvin:

I urge you to reject the application of the Salt River Project (SRP) to expand the peak demand plant located in Gilbert, AZ, to a full time multi-plant merchant generating system. The collocating of a massive generating plant in the middle of a non-buffered residential area is not just intuitively wrong, but it is morally wrong.

Beyond the non compatible nature of the plant's location, the SRP has abused its quasi government status by attempting to build this plant in an area which is not zoned for such use. Indeed, no other power company on the planet could build a plant at that location without the agreement of the people of Gilbert. This possible expansion is opposed to the basic tenets of zoning laws in Arizona: to keep residential and industrial properties far apart. The SRP has skirted the intent of zoning laws through its quasi government status and without regard to the adverse effect this will have on the surrounding residential area of Gilbert.

I believe the SRP has misled the public about this plant and have been completely unreasonable about the plant expansion from the outset of this controversy. Indeed, the SRP's position has not changed from the start. They are even unwilling to move the plant a few miles to an industrial area in Gilbert. The problem is the location; the SRP can invest in plant and equipment in an appropriate location if they so choose. However, they want to reduce their costs on the backs of 50,000 Gilbert residents. This expansion will be a taking from the residents of Gilbert in terms of their health, real estate values, and quality of life. This type of cost is meant to be borne by the entire customer base so that no one group is significantly harmed. Whether someone takes like a thief in the night, or under color of law, the resulting damage is the same. Hiring experts, as the SRP has done to support its point of view is common practice in the United States. As you may know, anyone can hire an expert to support ones point of view on anything. No one is required to release unfavorable expert reports. One reason for regulating a natural monopoly like the SRP is so that the people can control them and their deep pocketed influence machine. It should be the duty of the ACC to control an entity like the SRP and protect the people of Gilbert.

The real or created electric supply/demand imbalances in California are irrelevant to Arizona as we have enough capacity in place or under construction in the state to far surpass the predicted demand in Arizona for the foreseeable future; even APS admits to this fact. I understand the ACC has already approved nine power plants which can produce more power than Arizona can use in the foreseeable future. How can this plant be justified under reason or law? The answer is that this plant cannot be justified.

I came to Arizona almost 20 years ago as an Air Force Officer and I never cease to be appalled at the

treatment the citizens of this state receive from our government actors and elected officials. The government's pandering to business interests over the best interests of the citizens of this state has become legendary. Some cynics refer to California as the "The People's Republic of California." In the same vain, I believe Arizona can be referred to as "The Corporate Empire of Arizona." The living citizens of this state should be the first consideration of any elected official's actions. There are already enough plants to meet foreseeable power demand and, in any case, the proposed plant need not be located in a non buffered residential area like Gilbert.

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To approve what the SRP demands is not just wrong, it is an immoral act against the people of Gilbert that will rightly follow you in all of your future days. I implore you to take the right and just course of action and deny this application.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Timpano, Jr.

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Subject: Santan Power Plant

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Please forward to Commissioners Mundell, Irvin, and Spitzer:

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As an 18-year resident of Gilbert who has seen the unbelievable growth of the area, I live @ 2 miles from the power plant. Until last summer, I never even saw emissions from the existing plant. Now I see them everyday. I never, though, dreamed SRP would sit there and let the surrounding area become filled with homes, schools, parks, and stores, then decide to almost quadruple its capacity at the current site. Have you driven by the site? It's in a residential area. There's not even a sign out front.

Tomorrow you will hear testimony from SRP and from the intervenors opposed to the expansion. I pray that you will listen to these dedicated intervenors who are speaking for thousands of residents in Gilbert who do not deserve to have their skies and their health dominated by a utility that will try to convince you about how surprised it is that so many people live there now. Much of the area, including my neighborhood near Lindsay and Elliot, is served by APS and would not even receive a direct benefit of any kind.

Please put yourselves and your families in our shoes and vote "NO"
Sue Grace

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Subject: San Tan Power Plant Expansion

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I am writing to ask you to approve the San Tan expansion as soon as possible.

The Line Sitting Committee has voted yes and it is time to get on with expanding this plant so that we will not have the same problems as California. I do not want my electric bills to increase 40% or 50% and I do not want to experience rolling blackouts. Perhaps the Gilbert residents should try turning off their main electrical breaker for 10 or 12 hours a day and see how much fun it is going to be this summer.

Karen Webster
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Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

We are asking you not to approve the San Tan expansion. We have carefully listened to arguments on both sides. We know that there are other plants being built.

We are convinced that SRP does not need this plant in Gilbert. There are alternatives. Bill Post, the CEO of APS and Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, stated in a recent interview (Gilbert Guardian, 4/11) that there will be a glut of power in the next 18 to 36 months because of all of the plants being built now. Don't listen to us ask him. We in Gilbert will be stuck with this polluting eyesore in our town and SRP will reap the profits.

The energy shortage scare tactics are losing their validity. Make SRP prove to you, that this plant is really a necessity and that it will be safe. Make them support their answers with facts not the vague answers that the Line Site Committee accepted. Please do not approve this plant.

Randy and Pat Miritello
Gilbert

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Subject: San Tan Expansion

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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I have been informed that SRP has filed for a permit of Environmental Compatibility in order to build three new power generators in Gilbert at Warner and Val Vista Roads. As a neighbor to the San Tan Facility, let me say that I support Citizens Opposed to San Tan in either halting this facility altogether or seriously limiting its size. I would ask the Arizona Corporate Commission to do an independent study into the need for more power in the Valley before granting any permit to SRP.

SRP has stated that they need 2700 new megawatts of power in order to meet future needs. They have not proven that figure nor have they revealed where they will get this additional power since even the San Tan expansion (825 new megawatts) they will still have a serious deficit. After they expand the Kyrene facility (250 megawatts) my understanding is that they will be short over 1600 megawatts. SRP told Tempe that without expanding the Kyrene facility (3 generators totaling 725 megawatts) there would be brownouts in the future. Knowing this, they then negotiated with Tempe to build a replacement plant to the current facility producing only 250 megawatts. They are now telling Gilbert residents the same thing. That if we do not build this facility we could be without air conditioning in summers to come. Since SRP hasn't revealed the whole picture, we do not know if San Tan will actually solve this problem or not. I do not take the need lightly but if they will require building another facility outside of town in the coming years, I would ask the ACC to require that they build a larger facility there and bury the lines coming into town instead of building on a residential street. (Our homes are right across the street and some actually share a back wall with SRP's plant).

I realize that SRP has owned their property for over 20 years, however they were first allowed to build the San Tan plant when there was nothing but acreage and farmland in Gilbert. In the last five years Gilbert has grown to over 100,000 people. We are already facing new pollution from all the new cars, new growth, the San Tan Freeway just south of us, the expansion of the Williams Gateway Airport and the widening of US 60.

Since the closest air monitoring station is three miles away and upwind of the facility I would ask you, as a part of the Arizona Corporation Commission, to please withhold granting any permits to SRP until they have agreed to pay for an independent study into the air and environmental impact this plant would have on our community. I would also like to ask that COST be allowed to speak on my behalf at any and all hearings in regards to the San Tan expansion. Thank you for your time in this regard.

Jeffery Iannucci
2608 E Brooks St
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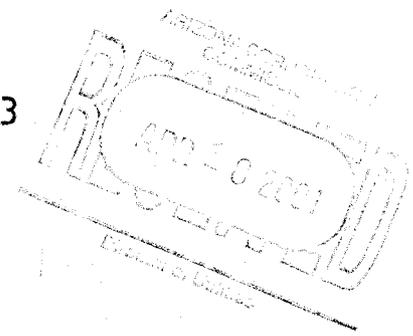
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Dear Sirs:

We are SRP electric customers in Phoenix, Arizona, and we are very concerned about the way the power situation has developed in California. We believe that Arizona has taken a more responsible approach to deregulation, and to providing new capacity in the past. We don't want the California situation to happen here.

Therefore, we encourage the Commission to support the construction of new plants by Arizona utilities, and specifically the proposed San Tan addition by SRP, at this time.

Yours truly,

Norbert R Bottcher

Norbert R Bottcher

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April 14, 2001

Dear Chairman William Mundell,

We are concerned about the generation of electricity to Central Arizona. We do not want the problems plaguing California. The Santan project seems a solution to local generation of power. We are in support of it. Please strongly urge that you approve the Salt River Project's proposed Santan power plant in Gilbert.

Sincerely,

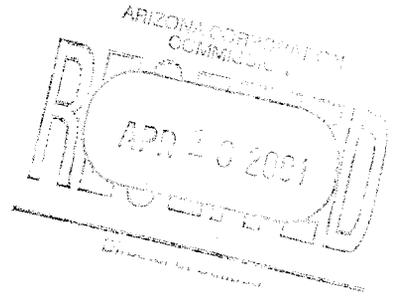
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Gentlemen

We are writing to you to express our concerns regarding the Santan Power Plant located in Gilbert.

We hope your decision will be the approval of the expansion of this facility.

You are aware of the electrical crisis that has occurred in California. Our concern is that it does not occur in Arizona, especially in the valley.

We have seen throughout our lifetime many incidents where ones home site is not as it had always been due to the construction of interstate highways, expansion of factories, construction of dams etc. etc. However, life goes on as these projects were built for the benefit of the majority.

As our representatives we hope that you represent the majority of the citizens in this state to permit the expansion of Santan and not the few who have realized too late that this important power plant is in their back yard.

We do not want to experience daily blackouts like those occurring in California and we do not want to see our utility rates increase 40% or more.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald M. Davis

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I urge you to push for the expansion
of the Santa Fe power plant & other needed
plants. But not for any to provide power
to states requesting to build new plants.

Sincerely,

William Baerentzen

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Gentlemen,

I would like to
add my support for the
SRP Sontan project. I urge you
to approve the project.

Sincerely

Lucian A. Ferguson