



of Supervisors  
RECEIVED

47CS

Leslie E. Thompson  
Chairman,  
District 3

Paul Newman  
District 2

Patrick Call  
District 1



FEB 20 P 4: 25

Jody N. Klein  
County Administrator

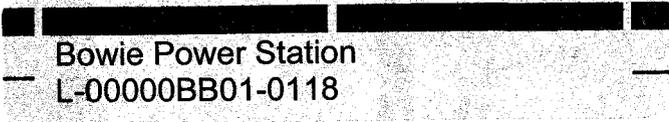
Nadine Parkhurst  
Clerk

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
DOCUMENT CONTROL

OPEN MEETING ITEM

February 20, 2002

Chairman William Mundell  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007



Dear Chairman Mundell:

The SouthWestern Power Group (SWPG) is planning a new electric generating plant approximately two miles north of I-10 near Bowie, Arizona. The proposed project would include construction of a combined-cycle, natural gas-fueled power plant that would use the existing El Paso Natural Gas pipeline for its operation.

The purpose of this letter is to give my full support to this endeavor. Bowie is an extremely rural community, which has been facing some hard times due to the lack of employment opportunities. The construction of this power plant would bring an estimated forty permanent jobs and 400 temporary construction jobs over a 24-month period. The siting of this power plant in Bowie would have a tremendously impact on the local economy which has been faltering in the last decade. Cochise County is facing many financial challenges due to its proximity to the border and would also benefit by additional property taxes.

Regarding potential land issues, a large amount of land is available providing a sufficient buffer around the chosen site as well as adequate water. This area is primarily agricultural and most of the land is divided into large acreage (40 acres or more), which will further reduce the impact on the residents.

This plant, which would provide low-cost, clean, efficiently generated electricity, would also benefit many residents outside of Cochise County by meeting the growing needs for energy by the cities of Tucson and Phoenix, thereby avoiding the blackouts which have been occurring in California.

Once again, I urge you to give full consideration to approving the citing of this power plant in the Bowie Area.

Respectfully,

*Leslie E. Thompson*  
Leslie E. Thompson  
Supervisor, District No. 3  
Chairman of the Board

Arizona Corporation Commission  
DOCKETED

FEB 20 2002

