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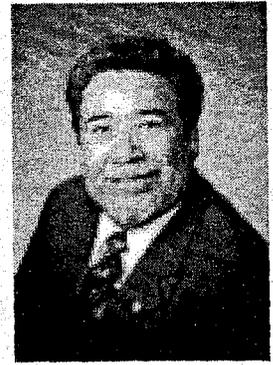
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Chairwoman Kristin Mayes  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
1200 W. Washington  
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Dear Chairwoman Mayes and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of SouthWestern Power Group ("SWPG"), a valued business partner with operations in Bowie, Arizona. Specifically, I am writing to request that the Commission grant SWPG's request for an extension of the Certificate of Environmental Impact in regards to Commission Decisions 64625 and 64626.

The Bowie Power Station is critically important to the people of Cochise County. This is especially true given the state of the current economy. As you are aware, Bowie, like many other small, rural areas, has been hit extremely hard in the current economic climate. The Bowie Power Station will bring good-paying jobs that are critically important to our community and surrounding areas.

Based on my discussions with SWPG, it is clear to me that they have every intention to complete this project as soon as possible. But for the economic downturn, the Power Station would likely have already been completed as it was on schedule. Our economy will soon recover and the demands for power will return. Once this occurs, the Bowie Power Station will serve its vital functions—bringing additional clean power to Arizona and employing hundreds of people in an area where employment is scarce.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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