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MANUEL V. ALVAREZ
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October 18, 2010

Docket No. L-0000BB-01-0118

Chairwoman Kristin Mayes
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

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,

Manuel V. "Manny" Alvarez
Arizona State Senator
District 25

cc: Nancy Welker

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October 15, 2010

Chairman Kristin K. Mayes
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Chairman Mayes;

This letter is to express my support for South Western Power Group's request for an extension of the Certificate of Environmental Impact on the Commission Decisions 65625 and 64626.

The Bowie Power Station has received wide spread support for its construction in Northeastern Cochise County and will have an enormous positive affect on the economy in this area. Bowie is a severely economically depressed area and the future construction of this plant would be a great benefit to the community and area in general.

With the investment and work that South Western Power Group has already put into this power plant to date, it is obvious that they have every intention of completing this project when the economy recovers to the point where they can sell the power.

Cochise County has extended our permits for the construction of this plant and would hope that the Arizona Corporation Commission would do so as well.

Sincerely,

Richard Searle
Cochise County Supervisor
District 3

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October 16, 2010

Arizona Corporation Commission
Phoenix, AZ

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that one of the few possibilities of economic recovery for Bowie, Arizona is looking to you for their re-permitting to be approved. I am writing this letter to request your support to re-permit the Bowie Power Plant. There are many reasons this must occur.

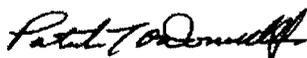
First, the State of Arizona and especially Cochise County is working hard to overcome extremely poor economic times. Our budgets are under scrutiny beyond any we have seen in decades and the outlook is not promising for years. Very small towns like Bowie suffer even more during times like these as people often must move to large communities for available work just to survive. This causes decreased population and lost revenue to Bowie and other towns like us. The State is already looking to set unbelievable limits on budgets for small schools with low assessed valuation; at least five of these districts are located in Cochise County. As a state we cannot continue to survive by cutting our own throat, by eliminating viable industries to succeed.

Secondly, following a recent meeting hosted by Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC), I have the very real understanding that SSVEC is able to meet its current electricity power needs, but within five to seven years they project the need for 30% additional electricity to be purchased from new providers, not already available in Cochise County. We definitely need to consider having that new electricity being provided within Arizona. Why would we want SSVEC buying power from some other county or state, giving up the potential revenues and related benefits? We do not want that. Bowie Power Plant has been working to finalize their situation and become that provider. Bowie is persevering through the current economic downturn; however, we do so believing the State is supportive of our growth and continued existence as a community.

Finally, Bowie has seen great times economically and some not so great. Most communities go through cycles of change. Bowie has the opportunity to make significant improvements for itself and for the State with the addition of the Bowie Power Plant. In my many drives around our wonderful state discovering rich history of the various communities, I am amazed by the number of them which have disappeared for economic reasons. Arizona's history is replete with people fighting to survive; to do what is right for their communities. I ask you to not give up on the current and next generations of Bowie residents, but to instead support their efforts by the re-permitting of the Bowie Power Plant. Bowie will survive these economic times, but we can be even stronger with long-term decisions which continue to support small towns, as they work to improve their position and reflect positively on Arizona at the same time.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of Bowie's future. I apologize that I could not present this personally, but I am the lone administrator in our small District. Please vote to re-permit Bowie Power Plant and support our fight to survive.

Sincerely,



Patrick T. O'Donnell, Jr.
Proud Bowie Resident

MICHAEL SKILES
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE



JUSTICE COURT
Precinct No. 6, Cochise County
Bowie, Arizona 85605

18 October 2010

Arizona Corporation Commission
Chairman Kristin K. Mayes
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Chairman Mayes;

I also would like to express to you my support for the extension of Certificate of Environmental Impact under consideration for the South Western Power Group.

The South Western Power Group has worked closely with the community to address issues related to the impact of this project. They have listened to the needs of the community and have committed to investing in the community.

Consideration should be given to the quality of life and opportunities this project will bring to the residents of Northern Cochise County. Economically depressed areas suffer from higher rates of crime, alcoholism, domestic violence and High School drop out rates. The environment also suffers in depressed areas. The solution is a strong robust economy with a community that has hope for the future.

I ask that the Commission help bring this hope for the future to residents of Northern Cochise County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Skiles".

Michael Skiles
Justice of the Peace #6



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October 15, 2010

Arizona Corporation Commission
Chairperson Kristin Mayes & Fellow Commissioners
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this letter in support of South Western Power Group's request for an extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.

The Bowie Power Station will have an immense affect on the economy of not just Bowie, but the entire northeast Cochise County and has received enormous support from the residents and businesses within this area.

The South Western Power Group has already demonstrated their commitment by their investment in this project. They have proven to the town of Bowie and the area residents that they are committed to finish what they have started, and I feel that they will hold true to this promise once the economy makes a turn for the better.

I know that Cochise County has extended their permits for this project and I hope that the Arizona Corporation Commission will do so as well.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

Kathy Smith, Executive Director
Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Progress, Pride & Possibilities

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Attn: Chairman Kristin K. Mayes

Dear Chairman & Commissioners;

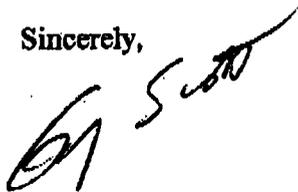
Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group is asking that you consider extending the Certificate of Environmental impact in regard to Commission Decisions 64625 and 64626.

Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group supports the Bowie Power Station for several reasons. The most important reason is the investment of Capital and long term jobs that will be created in Cochise County.

We believe that Southwestern Power Group has every intention of completing this project as soon as possible. The Bowie Power Station is just one of many projects affected by the downturn in the economy. As the economy improves we will need this project to help improve the lives and economy of Cochise County.

Please work with the Bowie Power Station project and Southwestern Power Group to see this project to completion.

Sincerely,



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