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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
7 OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS,)
8 L.L.C., OR THEIR ASSIGNEE(S), IN)
9 CONFORMANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS)
10 OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES)
11 SECTIONS 40-360-01 et seq., FOR A)
12 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
13 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
14 CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS-)
15 FIRED, COMBINED CYCLE)
16 GENERATING PLANT, SWITCHYARD,)
17 AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE)
18 TOWN OF GILA BEND, MARICOPA)
19 COUNTY, ARIZONA LOCATED IN THE)
20 SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION)
21 19, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH RANGE 5)
22 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE)
23 AND MERIDIAN.)

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CASE NO. 106

15 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
16 OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS AND)
17 ITS ASSIGNS IN CONFORMANCE WITH)
18 THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA)
19 REVISED STATUTES 40-360.03 AND 40-)
20 360.06 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
21 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY)
22 AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF)
23 ONE 500kV TRANSMISSION LINE AND)
24 THE WATERMELON SWITCHYARD IN)
25 MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA)
26 ORIGINATING AT THE PROPOSED GILA)
BEND POWER PARTNERS POWER)
PROJECT LOCATED NORTHWEST OF)
THE CENTER OF THE TOWN OF GILA)
BEND, ARIZONA (SECTION 19,)
TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST,)
G&SRB&M) AND TERMINATING AT)
THE PROPOSED WATERMELON)
SWITCHYARD SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP)
5 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, A DISTANCE)
OF APPROXIMATELY 9 MILES.)

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CASE NO. 109

Arizona Corporation Commission

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11 COPY of the foregoing was mailed
12 this 18th day of January, 2011, to:

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Office of the Mayor

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January 11, 2011

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RE Letter of Support

Mr. Innamorati

As Mayor of the Town of Gila Bend, please consider this a letter of support for the project known as "Gila Bend Power Partners' Proposed 845 Megawatt Generating Plant," and accordingly the request for an extension of the Certificates of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC"), approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2001.

This power plant project will provide job opportunities for local residents, significant revenues for area businesses, and tax dollars for the community of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, and the State of Arizona.

In addition as communities in the West Valley continue to grow (residential, commercial, and industrial), the project meets an increasing need for additional generation capacity and critical system reliability for the entire metropolitan area and the greater Southwest. As Gila Bend continues to grow as the solar capital of the nation, a highly efficient combined cycle facility such as this project, compliment the Town's portfolio approach towards reliable sources of renewable energy based utility scale generation. The Town also sees opportunities for co-location of transmission lines and facilities to support this portfolio effort.

As originally proposed, the project site was selected carefully to minimize disruptions to the surrounding environment and nearby landowners. You have my authorization to forward this letter to the Corporation Commission as part of your upcoming supplemental filing in support of your extension request. Thank you for your consideration and continuing efforts to contribute to Gila Bend's Economic Development.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Henry".

Ron Henry
Mayor