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To: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Subject: Environmental Scoping for South Texas Project New Reactor Application

My name is Stephen Kale. I am a resident in the City of San Antonio, Texas. In accordance with the NRC's notice of January 7, 2008, I appreciate this opportunity to submit the following environmental scoping comments for consideration by the NRC.

I congratulate CPS Energy for its forwarding looking Windtricity and Conservation programs. In response to these programs, I have installed in my home the CPS load reducing thermostat, a solar powered attic ventilator, and I have purchased a kilowatt of wind produced electricity. My home has modern insulation and low emissivity windows. However, these steps by individual home owners are surely not enough to meet the future electricity needs of South Texas.

Paragraphs 51.71 and 51.75 of 10 CFR 51 state that the contents of the draft environmental impact statement will include, among other things, "...consideration of the economic, technical, and other benefits and costs of the proposed action and alternatives and indicate what other interests and consideration of Federal policy, including factors not related to environmental quality if applicable are relevant to the consideration of environmental effects of the proposed action..."

Based on these requirements, I believe that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) should evaluate on equivalent bases how the proposed action and alternatives meet the following four criteria:

1. The President and the Congress have determined that national energy security is a critical Federal policy. The proposed action and alternatives should implement this Federal policy, in the timeliest manner.
2. The governments of San Antonio and Bexar County are on record that they desire continued economic growth for the City and the County. CPS Energy has determined that timely additional electricity generation capacity is required for economic growth in South Texas. The proposed action and alternatives must be able to meet these requirements.
3. CPS Energy provides residential electricity at a cost much lower than the national average. My own residence bill is about \$35 a month less than the national average. The EIS should evaluate whether the proposed action and alternatives will improve or retain this low cost, and if not evaluate negative socioeconomic impacts.
4. The land for the proposed reactors exists. Installation of the equivalent capacity of solar and/or wind alternatives will require immense areas of agrarian lands in West Texas. The EIS should evaluate whether installation of the equivalent capacity of these alternatives would negatively impact land use, ecology, wild life, or other natural resources.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide these comments to the NRC.

