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Dear Sir:

I have read the Draft Environmental Statement regarding construction of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 4 & 5, Arizona Public Service Company, and am very much against it. I was against the first three, and at that time, there was no mention of two more.

First, I don't believe the plant should have been located that close to a population of 1 1/2 million including Phoenix and suburbs. Nor do I believe they would have if 2,920 acres of the land purchased for the nuclear generating station hadn't belonged to relatives of Mr. Keith Turley, President, Arizona Public Service. Were you aware that many acres, or 75% of the site, was purchased from his wife's sister and her husband? Isn't that interesting?

I see no reason why the customers of APS should pay a higher electric rate so that 4 & 5 can be built to furnish power to California, Texas, and Nevada. We do not need them at all for Arizona. In fact, 43% of the power generated from 1, 2, & 3 will go out-of-state to California, Texas, and New Mexico. We've already had several increases because of 1, 2, & 3.

A report done for Arizona Corporation Commission on APS's projections of its future construction expenses and their impact on our electric rates showed there will be a 59% increase in the average price of residential power by 1985. That, of course, does not include 4 & 5 units. Why should Arizonans be expected to pay for other states' nuclear power while taking all the risks for them?

We definitely are doing just that. California will not allow any more nuclear reactors built until the waste problem is settled, and you know that's not going to happen. New Mexico and Nevada do not have any plants. Not only is there the chance of a Three Mile Island happening, or worse, from 3 reactors, now APS wants to make it 5 chances. In addition, our air will be full of toxic and deleterious chemicals. These are sure to be harmful to the population eventually.

There is also the big problem of nuclear wastes. You know that will cause much more radiation in this area. I firmly believe one company should not be allowed to cause so many possible problems for so many people. Not one young person I know is in favor of nuclear energy plants. They all feel it is a terrible legacy to leave them. We would move away from here if my husband were retired, but he still has ten years to go.

Please do not approve Units 4 & 5. I read that no more nuclear plants could be approved for six months. I certainly hope that is true.

Yours very truly,
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