In Regards to the Quail Brush Power Plant Project, DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-3

As a resident of the adjoining community of Santee, I would like to express my displeasure with this proposal.

Initially, this project may be construed as a healthy alternative to a coal burning plant that could be built, therefore making this a “good idea”. This is anything but a good idea.

The proposed location, environmental issues, and financial strains on residents, is preposterous! No power plant, natural gas, coal, nuclear, etc. should be placed as close as this project is to a high school, residences and a regional park.

The proposed production rate is tenuous at best. Cogentrix, the company spear heading this project has stated a 43 percent rate while admitting that 58 percent is most probable. It would be appreciated if the commission would consider that this plant will probably run at 100 percent in an effort to recoup the $150 million investment they would be making.

In regards to the proximity to schools, residences and the regional park, consideration should be given to the exhausting of carbon monoxide, VOC’s, sulfur, particulates and ammonia, being spread across a 15-20 mile radius. Again consider the fact that right next door to this power plant is a school, residences and a regional park which includes hiking, biking, equestrian and camping. This is not a place to build a power plant.

Looking at the financial ramifications to homeowners, such as myself, the further devaluation of our property in an already soft market is abhorable. Even if one were to want to move from the area, one would lose an exorbitant amount of money. It seems wrong for a company from out of the state of California to come in and profit on the backs of her citizens.

On the surface, this may seem to be a good idea, but again, this is not the place to build a power plant. It would be too close to schools, residences and a regional park.

Thank you for your consideration,
John Frice