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Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 3:27 PM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit
Attachments: Bonanza Plant Title V Comment.pdf

Importance: High

Mr. Owens:

Please find attached City of Ely comments regarding the EPA's proposed Title V permit requirements for the Bonanza Power Plant; please confirm receipt.

Is it necessary to mail you the original signed copy? Please advise.

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Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Mike Owens

Mr. Owens:

On June 12, 2014, the Ely City Council voted unanimously to send a letter protesting the Environmental Protections Agency's published rulemaking that would require a Title V permit for *Deseret Power*'s Bonanza Power Plant, which supplies electricity to Ely through *Mt. Wheeler Power*. First of all, the EPA did not give our community and many others in Bonanza's service area the courtesy of a public hearing; the only one held on June 3, 2014 was over 375 miles away. Second, the Bonanza Plant is ranked among the top environmentally clean coal fired plants in the U.S. and these unnecessary emission control requirements will result in 40% rate increases, affecting our citizens from every direction:

- The City of Ely currently pays $38,000 monthly on average in well pumping costs to supply water to our consumers and will be forced to pass on 40% water rates increases;
- Our economy's main industries, which consume large amounts of electricity – local mines and a maximum security prison – along with small businesses will be heavily impacted, perhaps causing them to shut down;
- New businesses considering our area may decide not to locate in Ely with the huge spike in power rates;
- Food prices will rise as affected farmers and ranchers struggle to pay significantly higher irrigating pumping costs;
- Our citizens' health will be **adversely** affected because those on fixed incomes will be cold and hungry, unable to afford to heat their homes and buy enough food.

Renewable energy sources and conservation should be used together with existing power sources in a reasonable manner, not implemented so hurriedly that people and entities cannot make adjustments without severe consequences. The Council is committed to Ely's future and requests that the Environmental Protection Agency not require the Bonanza Power Plant to comply with Title V permit requirements.

Sincerely,

Mayor Melody VanCamp

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