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Mr. Michael B. Owens
U.S. EPA Region 8
Tribal Permit Program
1595 Wynkoop Street
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Dear Mr. Owens:

Roosevelt City is writing this letter in support of the continued operation of the Bonanza Power Plant and the Deserado Coal Mine.

Our understanding is that the Bonanza Plant is one of the cleanest operating coal fired generation power plants in the United States. We feel that the EPA should honor its initial commitment authorizing the permits to upgrade the plant nearly 14 years ago. The impact of rescinding the permit issued in 2000 would be disastrous to all of the COOPs and power users in the region. The estimated costs to upgrade the current system to meet newer standards would be nearly 200 million dollars and would increase rates by 40%.

If these upgrades are required by the EPA, the future of the Bonanza Plant and subsequently the Deserado Coal Mine will be in jeopardy. This could eliminate hundreds of jobs in our community and severely impact the household budgets of every resident.

In closing, we understand that every power generation plant is going to have some impact on the environment. Based on the studies and data compiled by several universities in the Rocky Mountain Region we feel that the environmental impact of the Bonanza Plant is minimal and we urge the EPA to allow the Plant to continue its operation as currently permitted.

Best Regards,

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Roosevelt City Mayor