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RE: ***Deseret Power Elective Power Title V Federal Operating Permit.***

Dear Mr. Owens,

On behalf of the Vernal City Council, Vernal, Utah I appreciate this opportunity to provide to you my comments regarding the Title V Federal Operating permit for Deseret Power Elective Cooperative located in Vernal, Utah. Please note that Vernal City goes on record supporting the issuance of this permit with the understanding that the regulatory requirements for this permit remain the same as the time the PSD Permit for the power plant was approved in 2001-2002. Any new regulatory requirements would not only be unfair, but could potentially cause the shut-down of the plant itself as well as the Deserado Mine in Rangely, Colorado, either of which could be costly impacts to the economies of both Vernal City, Utah and Rangely, Colorado.

Deseret Generation and Transmission (DG&T) from its inception has provided a positive economic and social influence for our community. Not only has DG & T been a community partner in the economic well-being of our area, but the workforce of both DG & T and Deserado Mine is an integral part of the great social quality of life that we enjoy here. Losing either of these employers due to unfair and overly stringent regulatory controls could create significant negative impacts for families and our community.

Bonanza Power Plant is one of the cleanest operating plants in Region 8, if not in the entire country. Every effort has been made by its operators to comply with all clean air regulations. This plant is in our backyard, and we greatly value it as a good neighbor.

Once again, Vernal City strongly supports the issuance of the Title V Operating Permit with no added regulations. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Sonja Norton

Sonja Norton, Vernal City Mayor