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Re: Application for operating permit—Deseret Power Electric Cooperative
Bonanza Power Plant

Dear Mr. Owens:

This letter is written for inclusion in the public comments in support of the application with EPA for a Title V operating permit for the existing Bonanza Power Plant under the Clean Air Act.

The Bonanza Power Plant and its related Deserado Mine have long been good corporate neighbors in this community and have been strong partners with Colorado Northwestern Community College in our mission to provide career technical training and higher education for this area of northwestern Colorado and eastern Utah. The college, the power plant and the mine have worked together constantly in assuring that the college is available to provide necessary and appropriate training and education for power plant and mine employees and their family members. These employees are our friends and neighbors and are regular supporters of the college's activities as we serve as this local, rural gateway to higher education.

It is important to note that last year the Deserado Mine and its operations provided more than $355,000 in tax support for education through the mill levies for the school district and the college district. Without these funds it would be difficult or impossible for either institution to survive and perform its service to our children and citizens.

Our rural economy which supports our way of life and our freedom of choice is totally intertwined with the operations and successes of the power plant and the mine. Every job is critical. We believe that federal decisions must balance a variety of social values in making decisions about permits. Equity and fairness require that federal agents acknowledge the importance of community and culture in every corner of our country and society.

We support the Bonanza Plant and the Deserado Mine and urge approval of the proposed Title V permit without requiring any revision to the plant's existing emissions limits.

Sincerely yours,

Russell George
President