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Subject: Docket # 11-AFC-03

Re:Docket # 11-AFC-03 Happy morning to you all. If you went to a door in your homes and imagined 1000 feet away, where would that be? In a neighbor's yard? Maybe a park? Now imagine 11 70 foot high smokestacks (12 6 ft men) Whenever the power starts up smoke filled with carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and other gases fills the air. Even though you can't see the gas, you know it is poisonous. These gases are added to air already given an F by the American Lung Association There is no way you or your family can live your life without breathing it in. The constant low level buzz of electric transmission line is accompanied by the startup noise. The noise is constant and insidious. You have headaches, your children have taken a turn for the worse in school. The kids don't get away from this by going to school. The same gas and noise is there albeit quieter. Steel structures 65-85 feet tall are at intervals of 500 ft holding up the transmission lines that create an electromagnetic field. EMF exposure to the public is supposed to be minimalised. You're not considered public. You're not considered at all. You have no say about this horror 1000 ft from your home since it lies in a different city You, the members of the San Diego City Council, have been asked to override the Planning Commission's decision to not allow Cogentrix to come into this state and override or change every law, ordinance and regulation that was already carefully thought out. A company that doesn't secure the land to build on, but starts to develop plans anyway. Check out where other power plants are built. I have. The descriptions of the locations include: area zoned for industrial use, designated industrial zone, within an electric substation, within an existing refinery, in an industrial corridor, zoned industrial, replacing existing plant, Community Power was zoned for agriculture...that plant's plans were terminated. A few say private property. Cogentrix wants to build within 1000 ft of residences and 1/2-3/4 of a mile from schools.(Measurements vary) a city park and a Little League field. It wants to dramatically grace the horizon across from the entrance to Mission Trails Regional Park. Climbing Cowles Mountain will also afford scenic views of it It is so proud of its revisions, yet each change should have been in the initial representation of the plant. They didn't even care enough to pretend to camouflage it. Cogentrix barks about the "need" for a gas-fueled peaker power plant. We have 36 peaker plants either now functioning or being built. They are suppose to kick in "when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing" What incentive is there for these budding industries to develop storage if at the flick of a switch the peaker plant kicks in. What is the incentive to build a plant and operate it at less than 50%? Cogentrix has already amended their plan and changed the 43% to 100% But there's a contract...and to change that contract they would need to reapply to the CEC and POOF...it's changed Besides being designated open space, having flora and fauna unique to that area, a possibility of disturbing Native American artifacts air and noise pollution causing falling home prices, Cogentrix wants to build in a VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE. You've read about the power plant fire in Miramar last night, I assume. Cogentrix has never addressed what would happen to the potentially 26,000 gal of oil on their site if a fire came through. I've heard they have plans and will discuss them at future meetings. . Why has no plan been mentioned? If there is a fire, Santee Fire Stations are closest with the quickest response time. If our fire engines respond, who'll protect the citizens of Santee? That pretty much is what all this ranting and raving boils down to...having this thing inflicted on our City and its inhabitants It's not a financial decision, it's a moral one Do you want to be remembered as the City Council that initiated industrial takeovers of our open spaces? Do you really believe that there was no where else in all of San Diego County to build a power plant except in a residential zone next to a Regional Park? Do you think it is ethical for one city to build on its border and inflict another city with an environmental burden? Is this the future you really want for San Diego? Only you can answer these questions. I won't be the last to ask them. Sincerely, Margie Logue, a very concerned Santee citizen.