



FW: Oppose AES/Rancho Viejo Massive Utility Plant

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Dear Commissioner Hughes:

My name is Jerri Katzerman and I am a resident of Eldorado at Santa Fe. I am opposed to the Rancho Viejo Power Project for the following reasons. Thank you for entertaining my comments.

TEN PERCENT LOSS

Homeowners can expect at least a ten percent loss in home value based on the proximity and perceived threat of fire and dangerous smoke of a type of facility known to burn for 14 days.

NO ENERGY SECURITY

Research reveals that this project offers Santa Fe no energy security as grid considerations and sales take priority in a local grid-down event. There is no planned way to channel the output of the rated power to Santa Fe, and it would only last a short time if it could. It is a corporate node on a national grid set to arbitrage of day and night. It could be located anywhere.

ZERO BENEFIT

With up to \$14 millions of reduced tax incentives – which represent a forever loss to Santa Fe county and city. Further, the productive capacity of this system is sold into the grid without local taxes on production and sales. There is no benefit to the people who must accept this mass of plastic and lithium into their midst.

TARIFF IMPACT

Probable rising tariffs will have a severe negative impact on the profitability and therefore the potential of the RVP going forward as AES increasing company-wide difficulty. With potential 33% cost increase – from \$150M to \$200M – RVP faces the likelihood of delays if not cancellation.

ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS

The area could be put into productive use with Alternative Projects without offering no-tax incentives. With likely Tariff Impacts slowing or halting the import of foreign technology – possible alternative uses with local supply may be of interest to those who hoped to profit from the utility project. Possible

projects and development that embrace the New Mexico lifestyle and support the economy with long-term jobs are increasingly attractive.