

**Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart**  
Utah House of Representatives  
634 East 1100 South  
St. George, UT 84790

March 7, 2008

Rod A. Moore  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Pollution Control  
901 S. Seward St., Ste. 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701  
Fax No. 775/687-6396

Re: Toquop Energy Project

Dear Mr. Moore:

I write to oppose the Toquop Energy Project (the "Project"). As a member of the Utah House of Representatives, representing the good people of Southern Utah, I understand the importance of government standing between citizens and bad ideas. I also understand the important role that the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP") plays and the opportunity that it has to exercise responsible stewardship. I ask you to exercise your stewardship with care and good judgment in this case, and I ask you to stop this harmful Project.


Your agency, of course, can consider the effect on my community, St. George, Utah, or your agency might decide to ignore it. Your ultimate decision likely will be determined by the paradigm you choose to employ.

The sponsors of the project, knowing the important role NDEP would play, decided to hug Nevada's eastern border in planning the project. Given the prevailing wind patterns that would blow the pollutants toward my community, they no doubt hope NDEP will ignore my community and administratively determine that the pollutants magically disappear (from administrative consideration at least) at the state line. It is my hope, however, that you will not take such a myopic view of your stewardship, to the detriment of my constituents and friends.

Regardless of one's take on coal-fired power, it is no secret that dispersion is important. The plant is simply too close to a major, fast-growing population center. The pollutants would not have time to disperse before they enter and significantly impact the airshed of Washington County, Utah. Thus, they would lead to adverse air quality, both in terms of health and aesthetics.

The Project would never be considered feasible, were the proximate, downwind city a Nevada city. That is clear and absolute. Thus, your agency's paradigm – whether it considers or ignores the impact to Southern Utah – will determine your decision. Your stewardship, as well as comity between two neighboring states requires that you consider the health and environmental impacts to Southern Utah and that you stop the Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input.

  
Stephen H. Urquhart

Utah House of Representatives