

April 4, 2001

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Member, Searchlight Town Board

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Searchlight, NV 89046

Dear [REDACTED]

I was stunned to learn that the Williams Company (they are based in Oklahoma) was attempting to get Searchlight rural residential property reclassified to industrial use. The reason for the change, I learned was to build a power plant with the associated power line connectors.

The misleading and false information supplied in the application indicates to me how far this company would go to obtain the authority to build this facility that would forever negatively impact Searchlight.

The application asserts the plant would serve the energy needs of Southern Nevada. This is untrue. The electricity would flow directly to California.

The applicant indicates the plant will use 45 gallons of water per day. I ask - do the applicants believe the people of Searchlight to be stupid. Experts have told me that the facility would use closer to 500 acre feet of water each year. 500 acre feet of water could supply 1000 homes with all the water needed for one year. I think 45 gallons per day is false and misleading.

I was born in Searchlight. My parents, grandparents, brother and other relatives are buried in the Searchlight Cemetery. I graduated, as did my three brothers, from Searchlight Elementary. My Nevada home is in Searchlight. I expect to retire in Searchlight. I love to come home and breath the fresh air and see the vistas from my home. This proposed power plant would forever foul the air and ruin the beautiful views of the mountains I love, not only for me, but everyone that lives in Searchlight.

I would hope for the residents of Searchlight and basic fairness, you would recommend against this monstrosity.

Sincerely,


HARRY REID