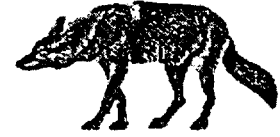


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Chairman Nils Diaz
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Chairman Diaz,

I am native New Mexican, and have worked in Lea County for since 1981. During my tenure, I have witnessed the oil market through the booms and busts. I am excited, from an Economic Development viewpoint, to see diversification of our economy. The LES facility will create jobs and stability to our economy.

During my days in the Science classroom, I was fortunate enough to understand the big picture of nuclear energy. The LES members I have talked to are reassuring about the minimal amount of risk involved in their facility. At times we must all weigh the risks versus the possible outcomes. I am confident the constructive benefits outweigh the harmful characteristics.

The factors which influence my decision are based on:

- o the number of new jobs created
- o the safety record of their current facilities
- o the involvement with the educational leaders
- o the diversification of our economy

I plan to live in Lea County the rest of my life. I have two children in high school and welcome their return to the county when they complete their education. I would not subject myself or my family's well being if I were not completely reassured of the safety of the LES facility.

Please feel free to contact me, if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

TJ Parks

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