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Dear Docket Staff:

Please docket this email and attached photo to Carrizo (07-AFC-8), and include the following phrase in the file name: "Cattle Carcass information in the Carrizo Plains from M Strobridge".

Thank you,

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Hi John, We are concerned about statements made concerning Condor foraging. The rancher who is selling to Ausra has stated that they pick up all livestock carcasses. This is not general practice in the Carrisa Plains. Cattle carcasses are not removed they are left for the birds. I would have to disagree with the Ausra associated rancher. I have pictures of dead cattle as close as 25 ft. from the Ausra site. I have attached pictures of these cattle. I have more pictures but since e-mailing an attached pictures is problematic; I thought this one would be sufficient to show you, with the proposed Ausra site in the background. I have many current pictures showing typical ranching practice of dead cattle in the immediate area. Ms. Luckhardt also stated that condors fly the mountain ranges on the outskirts of the plains. This is not true. Cattle and Pronghorn do not venture into the mountains they stay in the flat lands where their food source is. Condors naturally fly over the the flatlands looking for food such as pronghorn and cattle. I was not aware that Ms Luckhardt was an Environmental Scientist. URS should leave statements on the wildlife to experienced professionals such as the Department of Fish and Game or residents that actually see these animals first hand not on a computer screen. Thankyou for your time, Mike Strobridge

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