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Re: Docket 192B – Towantic Energy, LLC Motion to Reopen and Modify the June 23, 1999 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section4-181a(b) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 785 MW dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility located north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut.

Dear Executive Director Bachman, Chairman Stein and Members of the Connecticut Siting Council,

The Larkin State Bridle Trail is a unique and irreplaceable recreational asset to the State of Connecticut and to its citizenry.

However, it is in jeapordy.

The proposed power plant will emit unusual and unexpected hissing sounds, screeches, a roar and intermittent loud banging which will surely startle man and beast.

A frightened horse will bolt, very possibly unseating and injuring its rider, and becoming a runaway.

This will result in this portion of the Bridle Trail to not be used, effectively, cutting the trail off from both directions.

This portion runs alongside scenic, unspoiled Towantic Pond with its collection of wildlife, hawks, ducks, visiting eagles (so far) and yes, the endangered box turtle.

The Larkin State Bridle Trail is for riding through the quiet New England countryside, appreciating the sights and sounds of nature and the fresh air. These things my grandfather, its donor, enjoyed as well as talking with neighbors along the way.

These attributes are enjoyed today! and, as a State owned public park, have been for the past 72 years!

That's a very long time! And we, the Larkin family, are proud of his enduring gift and legacy, particularly in that it gives others so much pleasure.
The horseback riders are very, very grateful. They remind us every year of how wonderful it is.

But there's another problem: its proximity to the proposed plant site, 2,000 feet away, as it winds around and passes underneath Towantic Hill Road puts it directly downhill, 300 feet lower, from the proposed

plant site making the concentration of air pollutants inordinately high (within 1/2 mile from the plant) on low or no wind days.

This is the area, no closer than 1/2 mile, within which no one should live, due to adverse health effects of PM 2.5.

No one wants to be thrown from their horse nor will they want to ride their horse through an invisible cloud of pollution.

An inordinate concentration of PM2.5, which causes multiple deadly health problems, will fall downhill through a gully to Towantic Pond on low wind days and therefore, not mix well with the atmosphere. It will be unhealthy to use the trail.

What is known now, that was not known 16 years ago about Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM 2.5) constitutes a changed condition.

Most studies (by the American Heart Association, Harvard School of Public Health, Massachusetts General Hospital and various European countries, etc.) proving its deleterious heath affects (lung cancer, heart attacks, asthma, emphysema, COPD, autism) were conducted post 1999, after the approval of Calpine's Towantic.

This and the fact that personal computers were just becoming household products at that time. The search engines were new and PM2.5 was probably not or barely in their database. Few knew anything about PM2.5.

Therefore, I request before and after air monitors along the Bridle Trail and elsewhere for the health and safety of the general public.

Our nearly 1,000 acres starts at the Longmeadow Pond dam, 2,500 feet from the plant site. Much of it is along the eastern shore of the pond and along the State Bridle Trail which will be effected by the plant's pollutants as well.

Mr Sellars, CPV, did not speak the truth when he said this plant will not harm trees, crops, grass, dirt.

This is so disheartening. So wrong.

We have expected outdoor loving families to someday live on and enjoy our property.

I don't see that happening with a giant pollutant breathing, health destroying, brownfield making, finite drinking water guzzling, aircraft/airport threatening, scenic value and ridge line destroying, not needed, not "clean" energy as proported, heavy industry monster with a 40-50-60-70 ++ year life span towering over all of us.

The donor of the Bridle Trail, Dr. Charles L. Larkin, Sr., my grandfather, started the Connecticut Cancer Registry. There wasn't anyone he wouldn't tell to stop smoking.

He would be dismayed to learn his beloved trail and people's health would be compromised by a proposed power plant. Cigarettes one can resist but a power plant's effects cannot be resisted unless one moves away.

He would be the first to say the EPA standards are not health based standards, ie. not protective of the public's health. He would seek immediate change.

This plant will destroy the intent of his, so to speak, Larkin State Bridle Trail, a part of the Connecticut Greenway Park system.

He told me when I was about ten, as he pointed to the power lines running through the woods toward his

home, that one day those lines would no longer be there.

He was a visionary. I knew he was right. That time is now. Connecticut is well on its way to being "solarized" by
2025 as predicted.

My brother in Maine has been off the grid for 25 years. The Governor held him as an example to others. Now that that Governor is a US Senator my brother is on the grid. He smiles about it..because he's happily selling his excess solar power to the grid.

The Council does not see applications for rooftop or back yard power generating installations. I am sure the Council is aware that town programs are being extended. Google and Solar City are handing out panels for free and sophisticated energy storage is here.

A silent, game changing revolution is underway. The Council will undoubtedly embrace this "new and improved method(s) of generation, storing and ....with minimum [absolutely no] damage to the environment."

Fossil fuel plants are archaic now and will become more so. CPV's window is closing and should be closed

The Council will serve Connecticut well by denying Docket 192B's application. Why have 50-60 or more years of fossil fuel power overlapping renewable energy power.

CPV's latest submission says they will scale down power making way for renewables. It is my understanding under those circumstances they will pollute more. Please, no.

I suggest, were CPV to build, the council give them 10-15 years to operate.

I suggest, as a condition, that they be required to set money aside for remediation of their newly created brownfield.

I also request they be required or provide money to take down the two 150 foot eyesores.

I request there be before, now, and after air monitors placed along the State Bridle Trail and on private property as the opponents see fit.

I request the Council, if it approves this plant, notify those living within 1/2 mile of the plant be forewarned of the deadly health hazard in doing so.

Further, I request two signs to be placed on the Larkin State Bridle Trail, on either side of the 1/2 mile mark, warning riders of the same.

Additionally, when the first healthy person living within a mile from the plant contracts a PM2.5 related health issue, all others within that mile are to be notified.

(Do not forget the words of Dr Normandia at the Oxford Public Hearing. The first sickness will just be the beginning.)

I will join Oxford Greens in an injunction for this plant to stop operating based on health.

In closing, there is nothing I have learned that convinced me that this plant should be permitted. If anything, my conviction has been reinforced.

This plant no where near resembles the first approved plant and it is up to16 years too late.

Without one's health one cannot enjoy lakes, streams, fishing, sports, the Larkin State Bridle Trail much

less just plain living.

Thank you for your consideration of all the Intervenors and other opponents have put before you We are a motley crew, not a well-oiled law firm or power plant corporation. Please take that into account. And please know, too, there are many, many other opponents who simply don't have the time to even write an opposing letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the attached document was sent on April 27, 2015, via U.S. First-Class mail or electronic mail, to
each participant on the attached service list for this proceeding.

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