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Docket No. 192B

CPV Towantic, 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 §4-181a(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

Public Hearing held at the Oxford High
School Auditorium, 61 Quaker Farms Road,
Oxford, Connecticut, Thursday, January 15,
2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e:

ROBERT STEIN, Chairman

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Ladies and
2 gentlemen, I'd like to call the meeting to
3 order. I've been told that we can't have any
4 standing in the aisles in the back. There
5 are seats in the front and on the sides, so
6 please come and -- and be seated.
7 So I'm calling to order this
8 meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council
9 today, Thursday, January 15, 2015,
10 approximately 6:35.
11 My name is Robin Stein. I'm
12 Chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council.
13 Other members of the Council present are
14 Senator James Murphy, our Vice Chairman;
15 Mr. Hannon, our designee from the Department
16 of Energy and Environmental Protection;
17 Mr. Levesque, designee from the Public
18 Utilities Regulatory Authority; Dr. Bell; and
19 Mr. Ashton.
20 Members of the staff present
21 are Attorney Melanie Bachman, who's our
22 Executive Director; Michael Perrone, siting
23 analyst; and Fred Cunliffe, our supervising
24 siting analyst.
25 This is a continuation of a

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1 hearing that began at 3 p.m. this afternoon.
2 Copies --
3 A VOICE: He's blocking the
4 view.
5 A VOICE: Yeah.
6 A VOICE: We can't see --
7 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, all
8 you -- you're not missing anything other than
9 my face.
10 A VOICE: We can't see.
11 THE CHAIRMAN: So --
12 A VOICE: We can't see.
13 THE CHAIRMAN: -- it would
14 really be helpful --
15 A VOICE: Take those down.
16 THE CHAIRMAN: -- we will take
17 those down in a minute. It would really be
18 helpful because there are a lot of people
19 here, a lot of people want to speak, and if
20 we could have as much quiet as possible so we
21 could get through -- through the -- the
22 brief -- my brief remarks, presentation, and
23 then hear the public.
24 Again, copies of the hearing
25 program and the Citizens' Guide to Siting

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1 Council procedures are available for you
2 in -- in the back. This hearing is held
3 pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 of the
4 Connecticut General Statutes and of the
5 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act upon a
6 motion to reopen the final decision on the
7 certificate of environmental compatibility
8 and public need held by CPV Towantic, LLC,
9 for the construction, maintenance and
10 operation of a 785-megawatt dual-fuel
11 combined cycle, electric-generating facility
12 located north at Prokop and Towantic Hill
13 Road, at that intersection, in the town of
14 Oxford, Connecticut.
15 On November 13, 2014, the
16 Council, pursuant to a request filed by CPV
17 Towantic, LLC, and the provisions of the
18 Connecticut General Statute Section 4-181a,
19 Subsection (B), reopened the final decision
20 rendered in this docket.
21 On June 23rd of 1999, the
22 Council considered and approved granting a
23 certificate for CPV Towantic, LLC,
24 predecessor for the construction, maintenance
25 and operation of a 512-megawatt natural gas

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1 fired combined cycle facility located at the
2 same site.
3 On March 1, 2001, the Council
4 considered and approved final plans for that
5 facility. The certificate for the facility
6 is scheduled to expire on June 1, 2016.
7 The Council's legal notice of
8 the date and time of the hearing was
9 published in the Waterbury Republican, on
10 December 16, 2014, and in the Voices, on
11 December 17, 2014.
12 Upon this Council's request
13 the certificate holder erected a sign at the
14 proposed site so as to inform the public of
15 the name of the certificate holder, type of
16 facility, hearing date, location, and contact
17 information for the Council.
18 This afternoon, members of the
19 Council, staff, and public personally
20 conducted a field review of the proposed site
21 in order to observe firsthand the potential
22 effects of the proposal.
23 This hearing tonight has been
24 reserved for the public to make short
25 statements into the record. These public

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1 statements are not subject to questions from
2 parties or the Council, and members of the
3 public making statements may not ask
4 questions of parties or the Council. These
5 statements will become part of the record for
6 Council consideration.
7 A sign-up sheet is available
8 for those who would like to participate. And
9 we are asking that statements be limited to
10 three minutes because of the obvious number
11 of people here who want to speak.
12 Please be advised that
13 pursuant to Section 16-50j-15b, the
14 Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies,
15 any party or intervenor, and there are
16 numerous, and their witnesses, including
17 those that are members of nonprofit
18 corporations or citizens groups that have
19 obtained party or intervenor status in the
20 proceedings, are deemed to be represented in
21 the proceedings and may not submit oral or
22 written statements into the record during
23 this public comment session. This is
24 specifically reserved for the public; that
25 is, it's those people who are not previously

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1 represented by either through party or
2 intervenor status.
3 As a reminder to all,
4 off-the-record communication with a member of
5 the Council or a member of the Council staff
6 upon the merits of this request is prohibited
7 by law.
8 In a good faith effort to hear
9 all those wishing to be heard, I -- I urge
10 each speaker to be concise and to the point
11 and limit your comments to the matter before
12 us, so as not to preclude your neighbor from
13 speaking this evening.
14 Also, I urge you to refrain
15 from demonstrations, such as applause,
16 shouting and boos, as not only do they
17 diminish the effectiveness of the entire
18 proceedings, but they'll cause us to run out
19 of time much sooner than we all want to.
20 And I regret to inform you,
21 that given our time constraints, we're not
22 going to stay here all night. I'll probably
23 close somewhere in the neighborhood of 10
24 p.m., depending on where we are.
25 We will and we have -- are in

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1 the process of -- of scheduling additional
2 public comment sessions at our offices in New
3 Britain during normal business hours. I ask
4 you to bear this in mind as we proceed this
5 evening.
6 I also wish to note for those
7 who are here and for the benefit of your
8 friends and neighbors who are unable to join
9 us for the public comment session, that you
10 or they may send written statements to the
11 Council within 30 days of the close of the
12 evidentiary -- evidentiary hearing record,
13 and such written statements will be given the
14 same weight as if spoken at the hearing.
15 Again, we also urge you, to
16 the extent possible, to avoid any
17 unreasonable repetition. If you want, when
18 you get up there, you can just tell us that
19 you agree with the previous statements made.
20 A verbatim transcript will be
21 made of this hearing, deposited at the Oxford
22 and Middlebury Town Clerk's office, for the
23 convenience of the public.
24 Again, we do have -- which I
25 can't see, but is right here -- we do have

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1 a -- a stop-clock device and -- which you can
2 see when you're speaking. And at that time,
3 a tone will sound and, you know, again, we
4 urge everybody to be concise.
5 And -- and first, the reason
6 we have those exhibits in front of you, I'm
7 going to ask the certificate holder to make a
8 very brief comment before we have the public
9 portion.
10 ANDREW BAZINET: Thank you.
11 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 My name is Andy Bazinet. I am
13 the director of development for Competitive
14 Power Ventures, also known as CPV. CPV is
15 the sponsor for the CPV Towantic Energy
16 Center. It is a 805-megawatt dual-fueled,
17 combined cycle, electric-generating facility.
18 The project is proposed to be
19 located in the Woodruff Hill Industrial Park,
20 tucked up in the corner by Spectra's existing
21 gas compression station, and it's located at
22 the intersection of four Connecticut Light &
23 Power owned transmission lines and two
24 Spectra company owned interstate natural gas
25 pipelines.

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1 The schedule for the facility
2 is projected to commence construction at the
3 end of 2015, and over a two-and-a-half-year
4 period of construction and with the
5 commercial operation on or about June 1,
6 2018.
7 The reason the project is
8 being proposed now is because, as of FCA9,
9 which was February 2014, an auction conducted
10 by ISO New England, the region was determined
11 to be short of capacity.
12 At this point, CPV made a
13 conscious decision to move the project
14 forward. It's been certificated for a period
15 of 15 years. And the facility that you see
16 before you today is an improvement, from our
17 perspective, on what was originally approved,
18 and we hope you see it that way as well.
19 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank
20 you.
21 You want to take the -- maybe
22 take the boards down?
23 ANDREW BAZINET: Sure.
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
25 I'll ask you, when you come

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1 up, to please -- I would spell your last name
2 to make sure we have it properly in the
3 record. I will apologize in advance for
4 mispronouncing names. Part of it is --
5 although I -- I want to congratulate you.
6 Everybody, at least so far, has written with
7 much better handwriting than I have, so that
8 won't be my excuse. But if I mispronounce
9 your name, I apologize in advance.
10 The -- the first individual on
11 the list is the -- Mr. St. John, the First
12 Selectman from Middlebury.
13 And I think what I'll do is
14 I'll also call the next person's name so we
15 can maybe keep this moving a little bit
16 better. It's -- Kathy Johnson would be next.
17 EDWARD B. ST. JOHN: My name
18 is Edward B. St. John. The spelling on the
19 last name is S-t, space, J-o-h-n, and I am
20 the first selectman of the Town of Middlebury
21 and have been for many, many years.
22 I want to -- I want to address
23 the Siting Council. First, let me say I
24 thank you from -- for the residents of the
25 state of Connecticut for the service that you

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1 provide to this community. Many times your
2 efforts go unnoticed, and I want to say thank
3 you for the service that you provide.
4 We've -- we've been dealing
5 with this power plant project since 2000, the
6 year 2000, roughly, a 15-year span. The
7 original project was 500 megawatts, and now a
8 new project has come about and it's now
9 805 megawatts.
10 What is Middlebury's concern,
11 our concern?
12 I'm here tonight with a very
13 heavy heart because a lot has happened since
14 2000 and now. This original project sort of
15 disappeared. Our community saw a real large
16 increase in -- in residential development,
17 and this has happened over a ten-year period.
18 And we seemed to have weathered the economic
19 downturn actually quite well.
20 But what has happened to us is
21 that, back in the sixties, the infamous
22 Waterbury-Oxford Airport was built right on
23 the Middlebury line. This airport, which was
24 to be an economic bonanza for this entire
25 area, may be an economic bonanza for other

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1 parts of the state, including the town of
2 Oxford, but it's been a detriment to the town
3 of Middlebury.
4 The airport was built. They
5 became bad neighbors in a matter of time.
6 And I -- I don't take any dispute with the
7 aviation part of this operation. I'm talking
8 about an airport that was sited on a spot
9 without any consideration to a plan of
10 conservation and development in any town.
11 These power plants have not recognized in any
12 one of these towns either. Okay? And now we
13 have an airport that was built and the -- our
14 big residential area was there before the
15 airport was built.
16 Well, lo and behold, one
17 morning about seven years ago I pick up the
18 newspaper, and between the FAA and the State
19 Department of Aeronautics, the area was
20 determined -- 71 homes in the Triangle Hill
21 Boulevard area of Middlebury were determined
22 to be in a hazardous zone area.
23 The next day, our property
24 values in that neighborhood went through
25 the -- ultimately, what's happened and what I

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1 want to share to you tonight, I see history
2 repeating itself. If you were to drive by
3 that neighborhood today, there are four homes
4 still remaining. All the rest have been
5 demolished and long gone. That's what we
6 paid for Oxford -- the Waterbury-Oxford
7 Airport.
8 Now we have a power plant
9 being proposed just to the east. We didn't
10 have this residential development at that
11 particular time.
12 Now, we have a new plan for --
13 here, and lo and behold, it's just about
14 1500 feet or so to the east --
15 A VOICE: Time's up.
16 A VOICE: Give him more time.
17 A VOICE: No.
18 EDWARD B. ST. JOHN: I'll --
19 I'll be very short here.
20 We moved the -- we moved the
21 airport -- or the power plant just to the
22 east of the airport. Right at the end of the
23 airport is the Middlebury line. We -- we --
24 history is going to repeat itself.
25 If this power plant is built,

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1 we will see ultimately the same thing happen
2 in another residential area of Middlebury,
3 where our property values will again be
4 depreciated.
5 We have paid a terrible price
6 for what is called "economic development."
7 If this is what the airport brought us, can
8 you imagine what the power plant is going to
9 bring to our town?
10 History will repeat itself, I
11 am sure, if this project is approved.
12 Thank you.
13 THE CHAIRMAN: And I thank
14 you.
15 Ms. Johnson, and the next one
16 would be, I believe, Mr. Carbonaro.
17 KATHY JOHNSON: Kathy Johnson,
18 J-o-h-n-s-o-n, former first selectman of the
19 Town of Oxford, 2001 to 2003. I've been a
20 resident in Oxford since 1976.
21 A couple of points. Although
22 it is very true, as our first selectman,
23 George Temple, pointed out, our town did vote
24 in a referendum to sell that property for the
25 proposed power plant. But what was failed to

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1 be mentioned is that that only passed by 62
2 votes, hardly a mandate. I want you all to
3 know that if you didn't already, 62 votes.
4 Now, just a couple of points.
5 One, the health and safety of this town has
6 to be on every first selectman's mind and
7 every elected official's mind, every
8 citizen's mind. I'm concerned with the
9 health and safety. I am not an expert in
10 pollution. I am not an expert in aviation.
11 I will leave that to the experts today. But
12 I'm a citizen of Oxford, and I will tell you
13 that that's the perfect storm up there by the
14 airport.
15 A power plant, a gas line,
16 electric lines, and an airport, what more do
17 you want? Can you imagine the conflagration
18 that will happen up there if we have a
19 disaster in this town?
20 And this town has already seen
21 some very unusual things, that is, the
22 anthrax crisis that we never thought we'd
23 have. So anything is possible in this world,
24 as you well know.
25 Now, in the interest of time,

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1 I will thank you for giving me the voice
2 today and to say what I feel about this plant
3 and what I've always felt about this plant.
4 And thank you, ladies and gentlemen -- lady
5 and gentlemen -- should I say that -- lady
6 and gentlemen.
7 Thank you.
8 THE CHAIRMAN: We have -- we
9 have more than one lady.
10 KATHY JOHNSON: You do? Oh,
11 sorry.
12 Listen, and it looks like that
13 lady is about my age. I'm sorry. We get
14 overlooked all the time, don't we?
15 Ladies and gentlemen, thank
16 you.
17 THE CHAIRMAN: I won't -- I
18 won't prolong this part of the discussion.
19 And also, Mr. Carbonaro, and
20 then followed by Mr. Gates.
21 GERARD CARBONARO: Gerard
22 Carbonaro, 14 Country Farm Road, Oxford,
23 Connecticut, C-a-r-b-o-n-a-r-o.
24 I rise in enthusiastic support
25 of this project and I urge that it begin as

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1 America has the resources to
2 be an energy-independent country. Clean,
3 American natural gas is a very big part of
4 it. We have more of it than anyone else in
5 the world. Let's develop it. If it's not
6 developed in Oxford, does anyone here tonight
7 think that this gas resource is not going to
8 be developed somewhere else?
9 Oxford is the envy of the
10 state tonight. We have the opportunity to
11 build this program, to build this plant, and
12 I urge that we do it as soon as possible.
13 I would like to tell the
14 energy producing countries around the world
15 that we don't need their energy. We have
16 homegrown energy here at home.
17 And I thank you.
18 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
19 Please.
20 Mr. -- Mr. Gates followed by
21 Bob -- Bob Miles.
22 DUANE GATES: Good evening.
23 Duane Gates, G-a-t-e-s. Good evening. My
24 name is Duane Gates, and I'm a business
25 representative for the Operating Engineers

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1 soon as possible. I think it is a godsend to
2 both the Town of Oxford and the State of
3 Connecticut. The jobs and tax revenue that
4 will be produced by this project are truly
5 staggering.
6 I happen to be the chairman of
7 the Finance Committee of the Oxford Board of
8 Education. Oxford desperately needs this tax
9 revenue. Our fixed costs for the Oxford
10 School District are increasing more quickly
11 than our budgets can accommodate. What are
12 we to do? Are we to raise taxes? That's not
13 a popular thing in Oxford. We need the
14 money. We need the jobs. We need this
15 project.
16 Ultimately, I also rise in
17 support of this project as an American. This
18 country gets a great deal of its energy from
19 foreign sources in areas of the world that
20 don't like us and that are governed by
21 ideologies that hate freedom and wish us
22 harm. I rise in favor of American energy
23 developed by this project and electricity
24 generated right here at home in Oxford,
25 Connecticut.

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1 Union, an organization that represents close
2 to 3,000 heavy equipment operators and
3 support personnel here in Connecticut.
4 I'm here tonight to speak in
5 support of the proposed Competitive Power
6 Ventures Towantic Energy Center. As a
7 representative of the men and women in
8 Connecticut, the construction industry here
9 in Connecticut, I see this project as a great
10 opportunity to provide good paying
11 construction jobs.
12 We're finally starting to pull
13 out of what has been one of the worst
14 recessions in the construction industry here
15 in Connecticut that we have ever seen. This
16 project will provide an opportunity to
17 continue to move the industry in a positive
18 direction with a \$75 million payroll and 300
19 to 500 construction jobs for men and women
20 workers on the site.
21 A project of this magnitude
22 will provide great opportunities for
23 journeyman, apprentices, men and women coming
24 back and serving our country with Helmets to
25 Hardhats. Not only will this project create

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1 these jobs, it will be one of the largest
2 private-sector infrastructure projects here
3 in our region.
4 It will have a tremendous
5 impact in helping to meet the growing needs
6 of -- for safe and reliable electric
7 generating capacity to fuel the continued
8 growth of the Connecticut future economy.
9 I'd like to thank you for your
10 time.
11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
12 Mr. -- Mr. Miles followed by
13 Dale Hallaman.
14 ROBERT MILES: Good evening.
15 Bob Miles, M-i-l-e-s. I'm an Oxford taxpayer
16 of over 40 years and an operating engineer,
17 and I support this project a hundred percent
18 for the tax revenue, jobs, and clean energy
19 that it would create.
20 Thank you very much.
21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
22 There's a Dale Hallaman and
23 there's also -- also a Don Hallaman. I
24 assume there might be a relationship, but I'm
25 not sure.

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1 DALE HOLLOMAN: Yeah, he's my
2 father.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, sir.
4 DALE HALLAMAN: Dale Hallaman,
5 H-a-l-l-a-m-a-n, 166 Prokop Road, Oxford,
6 Connecticut. And I support this for
7 everything Mr. Gates said.
8 A VOICE: Pull your mic up.
9 DALE HALLAMAN: Oh, sorry.
10 Everything Mr. Gates said was
11 absolutely true, three to five hundred jobs
12 in an industry that badly needs them right
13 now. And I think, as a people, we all
14 complain that there's not enough jobs, yet,
15 when something comes along that creates jobs,
16 we just -- we oppose it. It's crazy. And I
17 just look forward to seeing this get under
18 way.
19 And on a selfish note, last
20 time, me, in Oxford, lost power, I was out of
21 power for nine days. So anything that will
22 strengthen the infrastructure of our electric
23 system, I'm -- I will not oppose it,
24 absolutely not.
25 Thank you.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
2 Don Hallaman followed by John
3 Retartha.
4 DON HALLAMAN: Good evening.
5 My name is Don Hallaman, spelled
6 H-a-l-l-a-m-a-n, same as the last fellow.
7 As you know, my son lives in
8 Oxford. He's living in the house my wife
9 grew up in. To be out of work, which I am at
10 this time, with a project like this to put
11 myself and a few hundred other people that
12 I -- I know closely -- but besides the people
13 in my organization, you're talking about
14 jobs -- for future jobs. You're talking
15 about new fire equipment.
16 I was too young to remember
17 the Oxford Airport when it was built, but I
18 remember my father-in-law, on a Sunday
19 morning, conversations we had told me, as a
20 member of Riverside Firehouse back in '69
21 when it went into production, everybody hated
22 the Oxford Airport. It was dangerous. The
23 planes are flying over our heads.
24 We had these problems all the
25 time. These problems are there. Everybody

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1 is worried about everything going wrong.
2 What about the things that are going to go
3 right? You want to go home and turn the
4 light switch on? You'll have power. You'll
5 have the power. You'll have people in your
6 family that have jobs. They claim 20 jobs.
7 Go to -- go to Plainfield
8 where they just put a power plant in and see
9 their parking lot. There's not 20 cars in
10 that yard. There's closer to a hundred cars
11 in that yard. Think about working there.
12 People who are not working or people who are
13 growing up in Oxford, they can't afford to
14 live in their parents' home. Fortunately, we
15 were able to put our son in my
16 father-in-law's house. That is not the case
17 in Connecticut today.
18 You need these jobs. We need
19 these jobs. And we need this electricity,
20 because I'm tired of seeing in the news where
21 we get a rate hike in the power because it's
22 summertime and the power is low, we have to
23 buy power from Canada to send to Connecticut.
24 That is crazy. I see no reason for that.
25 Thank you very much.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank -- thank
2 you.
3 John Retartha followed by Paul
4 Coward.
5 JOHN RETARTHA: John Retartha,
6 R-e-t-a-r-t-h-a, Putting Green Lane, Oxford.
7 Good evening.
8 CPV's application is based on
9 changed conditions, and I'd like to talk
10 about changed conditions. I'd like to bring
11 you back to Oxford in 1999, when this
12 512-megawatt power plant was conditionally
13 approved.
14 The population of Oxford
15 numbered around 9,800. The area around
16 Woodruff Hill was industrial zoned, and for
17 the most part, sparsely populated. Over
18 800 acres immediately adjacent to the site
19 was totally undeveloped and was farm and
20 woodland.
21 The Oxford Airport, while
22 growing, was primarily a recreational airport
23 servicing private aircraft. The sparse
24 industrial zone was made up of mostly light
25 industry.

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1 We're now in the year 2015.
2 Oxford has for almost two decades been one of
3 Connecticut's fastest growing communities.
4 The population has increased by 29 percent.
5 What was then a meager 8.7 percent over the
6 age of 65 has ballooned to
7 13-and-a-half percent over the age of 65.
8 Oxford is now the center of a business
9 enterprise zone, incentivizing businesses to
10 locate in the area around the airport.
11 The airport itself now has the
12 highest concentration of general aviation
13 activity in the state, servicing jets and
14 recreational aircraft. Takeoffs and landings
15 exceed 50,000 a year.
16 Did it make sense in 1999 to
17 approve a gas, oil-fired power plant on
18 Woodruff Hill? I think not. But then those
19 felt that it was in a remote location, in an
20 area with little to no residential
21 development, might be an appropriate use for
22 the land.
23 In spite of a growing airport,
24 even the FAA gave tacit approval, but even
25 back then it was out of character for the

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1 terrain, and it would have permanently
2 scarred the landscape. Does it make sense,
3 in 2015, to put a 785-watt -- megawatt plant
4 there now, now that the residential makeup of
5 the area has vastly changed? The airport is
6 bustling with recreational activity, as well
7 as commercial, and further development is
8 being encouraged every day.
9 Currently, close to 400
10 seniors live within a mile of the facility,
11 and 600 senior homes have been approved, in
12 addition to a 309-unit assisted living
13 facility on adjacent land less than a mile
14 from the plant. That would amount to 2,000
15 senior citizens living within one mile, many
16 with health issues, a power plant running 365
17 days a year, pumping untold contaminants into
18 the atmosphere, and threatening the safety of
19 pilots navigating around this 150-foot
20 smokestack, pollutants that will rain on
21 21,000 students that live in 41 schools
22 within ten miles of the plant.
23 There have been many changes
24 to Oxford over these past 15 years, but none
25 will approach the change that this plant, if

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1 approved, would have. It would forever alter
2 the landscape and do irreparable harm to its
3 residents for generations to come. Let's not
4 make the same mistake that was made 15 years
5 ago. Let's not turn a greenfield into a
6 brownfield. I urge you to deny this
7 position -- petition.
8 Thank you.
9 PAUL COWARD: Good evening.
10 My name --
11 THE CHAIRMAN: Followed by
12 Peter --
13 PAUL COWARD: Oh, I'm sorry.
14 THE CHAIRMAN: -- you know, if
15 you want to keep that -- keep doing that
16 every time somebody speaks who you like,
17 we're not going to get through as many people
18 as we'd like to. So, you know, it's really
19 up to you to either respect your neighbors
20 or -- or we can listen to applause all night.
21 Go ahead, sir.
22 PAUL COWARD: Thank you. My
23 name is Paul Coward, C-o-w-a-r-d, 505
24 Traditions Court South in Oxford.
25 I appreciate the opportunity

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1 to share some thoughts with you, and
2 primarily, I want to address the pollution
3 aspect. And I'm going to use as a reference
4 CPV's report prepared by Tetra Tech. You all
5 have copies of it. And if you're interested,
6 look up on page 26 because it talks about a
7 topic of offsets.

8 Now, you've heard all the
9 reports, how they meet the level of
10 pollution. Well, you know how they do that?
11 They have, quite frankly, determined that the
12 level of pollution here from the plant will
13 be this high. This is the level approved.
14 How are we going to get there? Well, I'm
15 going to go buy some offsets from
16 Pennsylvania that has very low pollution.

17 So, on the record, on the
18 books as an entry, a bookkeeping entry, they
19 take this level that we'll be receiving and
20 this level and, all of a sudden, it comes
21 like this.

22 Now, we're going to be subject
23 to the absolute pollution, which is this
24 amount of pollution throughout this ten-mile
25 radius. I don't care about what the EPA

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1 PETER BUNZL: Hello. Peter
2 Bunzl, 160 Country Club Drive, Oxford,
3 Connecticut.

4 I'd just like to preface my
5 remarks by welcoming all these union fellows
6 here. I was a member of a union for 37
7 years, and I'm pleased to see how many the
8 union organizers were able to get out here.
9 I also understand why I saw several cars with
10 out-of-state license plates in the parking
11 lot, but okay.

12 And I'll tell you, I can
13 appreciate their concern for jobs. I
14 understand that. But I think the concern for
15 our health and safety far outweighs the need
16 for jobs, and I think that's what is at issue
17 here.

18 I've been called a NIMBY.
19 That means, "not in my backyard". And I am
20 proud to say that, in fact, I am a NIMBY,
21 because we're not talking about a movie
22 theater or a shopping center here. We're
23 talking about a massive power plant affecting
24 thousands of backyards in this area.

25 I have been accused of not

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1 approves. This is what we're going to be
2 seeing here, so I ask you to understand it.

3 Then one little interesting
4 comment they make, and I'll read it to you:
5 "Once operational, the project will also be
6 required to obtain allowances to offset SO2
7 emissions under the federal Acid Rain
8 Program."

9 SO2 and water vapor make
10 sulfuric acid, which is acid rain. Once
11 again they're going to say, oh, we're going
12 to have to buy allowances to offset ozone.

13 This is a real concern for
14 this community. And this is published in
15 their Tetra Tech report. I ask you to
16 seriously consider this concern. I see
17 children in here. I see old people, of which
18 I am one, and many of you may be approaching
19 that. And I'm very, very concerned. And I
20 ask you to seriously consider rejecting and
21 disapproving this application.

22 Thank you for your time.
23 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
24 Mr. Bunzl followed by Bruce
25 Kern.

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1 doing my due diligence when I purchased my
2 home. I thought I did. In 2004, I checked
3 out local hospitals, local medical centers,
4 local shopping centers, and even checked out
5 the Oxford Town reputation. But I did not go
6 into town hall and ask them if a power plant
7 is going to be built on property
8 approximately a mile away from my community.
9 And I'm sure that not everybody that has
10 bought a home in Oxford Green since 1999
11 bothered to take the same course that I did,
12 because if they had, I'm sure that the
13 northwest corner of Oxford, we would be
14 pretty sparse by now.

15 You know, CPV is telling you
16 that, oh, we've got these new turbines.
17 We've got this new energy. Well, you know,
18 again, it's better than what GE was going to
19 put in there in 2006. So I'm saying to
20 myself, well, wait a minute. If that's the
21 case, then the equipment they're going to put
22 in now is going to be obsolete in six or ten
23 years.

24 And we're -- there's an
25 increasing mandate to use -- to rely on solar

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1 and wind energy, so this facility is going to
2 be completely obsolete in 15 years. It's
3 going to be dealing with old technology. And
4 unfortunately, residents in surrounding
5 community will have to deal with this
6 obsolete, antiquated plant for at least the
7 next 40 or 50 years. This will be a blight
8 and an eyesore, and we will no longer be
9 considered a rural and quaint area. We will
10 be living in a heavy industrial area.

11 So this is not about
12 megawatts, kilowatts, mission stacks, and so
13 on. This is a human aspect, and I urge the
14 Siting Council to take that into
15 consideration.

16 Thank you.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Bruce Kern
18 followed by Dave Gliserman.

19 BRUCE KERN: Bruce Kern,
20 K-e-r-n, Maple Tree Hill Road, Oxford.

21 I'm a very proud resident of
22 Oxford. I have two young children that go to
23 school here, and I coach football and
24 baseball, and I support this project.

25 I would urge the people that

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1 As a change of pace, I'm here
2 to present you with a short history lesson.
3 I've done a little research on CPV, and
4 here's what I've found. CPV seems to operate
5 using a similar and very calculated plan
6 wherever they set up shop.

7 CPV popped up publicly in
8 Oxford around May of 2013. It's likely they
9 were here working covertly well before that.
10 Oxford is a small town with a small town
11 government making it an ideal target. It's a
12 lot easier to do business in that
13 environment.

14 Their first move was to co-opt
15 one or more town officials and get them giddy
16 at the thought of tax revenue. Nothing like
17 a little greed or a little grease to get
18 things rolling. Now -- then they sprinkled a
19 little publicity money here and there, always
20 in front of a reporter. Eventually, those
21 same officials swore allegiance to the
22 company and blissfully ignored the real
23 impact that such a project would have on
24 their community. They now stand,
25 figuratively, shoulder to shoulder with CPV.

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1 are opposed to it to, number one, maybe think
2 about what's coming out of their chimneys
3 right now, the people that live in this
4 community, and it's probably not pollution
5 from natural gas. It's probably from fuel
6 oil. And also think about the coal fired and
7 nuclear power plants that are very close to
8 here that could be phased out with a
9 state-of-the-art power plant that burns
10 natural gas.

11 And again, I -- I support this
12 project heavily. I think it's a good thing.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
14 David Gliserman followed by
15 Mitchell Kuhn.

16 DAVID GLISERMAN: Dave
17 Gliserman, G as in George, l-i-s-e-r-m-a-n.

18 And thank you, for announcing
19 my name correctly. You're one of about seven
20 people.

21 Good evening, ladies and
22 gentlemen of the CSC, and thank you for
23 coming to hear us this evening. By now,
24 you've all heard the dire statistics with
25 likely more to come.

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1 Then there was the town
2 meeting this fall in Oxford Greens. CPV
3 representatives were prepared to wow a pack
4 of quasi-senile oldsters with wine, cheese,
5 and some pure BS. Instead, they were faced
6 down by a couple hundred accountants,
7 businesspeople, attorneys, environmental
8 consultants, and the like, some retired, some
9 not.

10 Old George was there to greet
11 the CPV people. You know who Old George
12 Temple is, I'm sure. As the mood of the
13 audience became clear, George slunk away --
14 slunk away like a wounded coyote and let --
15 let the speaker, at first flustered, he
16 turned snippy. Bad move.

17 Once the CPV people discovered
18 they were not perceived as the next Messiah,
19 the whole business went dead silent.
20 Virtually nothing has been heard in Oxford
21 from either CPV or Oxford officials in recent
22 times except for the dog-and-pony show that
23 they trotted out a couple days ago.

24 They've been relying on the
25 ignorance of the populace. Their hope is

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1 that ignorance and apathy will serve as a
2 path to success. If all goes according to
3 plan, one day it will be a fait accompli,
4 folks, too late to complain. An ethical
5 company promoting a desirable project would
6 not have to stoop to such questionable
7 activities.

8 Thank you.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Mitchell Kuhn
10 and followed by Tom Mattutini. I'm probably
11 pronouncing that wrong. I assume you know
12 who you are.

13 Go ahead, sir.

14 MITCHELL KUHN: Mitchell Kuhn,
15 that's K-u-h-n, Truman Court, Oxford,
16 Connecticut. Sorry if I repeat some of the
17 small things that people have said.

18 In any case, members of the
19 Siting Council, you have an obvious decision
20 to reach in either approving or rejecting
21 CPV's application to build their power plant
22 so close to large numbers of homes and
23 schools, instead of considering constructing
24 their power plant at the very plants that you
25 mentioned that are closing in Norwalk or in

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1 revenue to Oxford, but rather, let your
2 conscience be your best judgment.

3 I'd like to thank you for the
4 opportunity to express my opinion and to wish
5 you a happy and healthy new year. Notice, if
6 you will, no one ever says I wish you a
7 profitable and sickly new year. It's always
8 a healthy new year.

9 I have one additional
10 observation; namely, given the magnitude your
11 decision will have on the health and welfare
12 of thousands of Connecticut's residents,
13 might I suggest a reasoned, prudent approach
14 for the Council would be to hire your own
15 experts and not rely upon the applicant's
16 paid consultants and their questionable
17 conclusions, which are most likely predicated
18 upon the amount of money they receive for
19 their work.

20 Thank you.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And
22 then to be followed by Mr. Weaver.

23 THOMAS MATTUTINI, JR.: Good
24 evening. My name is Thomas Mattutini, Jr.
25 M-a-t-t-u-t-i-n-i. I'm a resident of Oxford

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1 Bridgeport as a replacement to those plants
2 which are spewing large amounts of pollution.
3 This would be an improvement to those areas
4 and still meet the energy needs that
5 Connecticut supposedly is going to need in a
6 couple of years.

7 The health and well-being of
8 Connecticut citizens should be paramount in
9 your deliberations. I ask you to imagine how
10 you would vote if CPV's plant were to be
11 built in your hometown or your children's or
12 grandchildren's or your parents' homes.
13 There are enough climate change and
14 environmental naysayers in Washington.
15 Please don't become another group of
16 close-minded, political, grandstanding
17 appointees.

18 Pollution kills even in small
19 amounts. Pollution is pollution. We don't
20 have it here now. It will only be added to
21 something that doesn't exist. On that,
22 science is crystal clear and universally
23 agreed.

24 I implore you to ignore the
25 profit motive of CPV and their promise of tax

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1 for the past 15 years. I live on one Svehlak
2 Lane.

3 I'm here today as a proud
4 member of the state building trades, which I
5 ask everyone to raise their hands who is a
6 member. And I'm not going to reiterate, you
7 know, past brothers and sisters that spoke,
8 but there are some talking points.

9 You know, there is a
10 \$75 million payroll that will be generated,
11 three to five hundred workers will be
12 on-site, and tens of millions of dollars in
13 new local tax revenue, which we all know the
14 town can use. It's a two-and-a-half-year
15 major construction project, and we could
16 really use the economic boon here in
17 Connecticut.

18 Thank you for your time, and I
19 hope you consider this project. God bless.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Weaver,
21 Thomas Dunleavy, followed by Kevin Celli.
22 Are we losing people or -- oh,
23 he's coming?

24 THOMAS DUNLEAVY: I'm here.
25 Good evening. My name is

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1 Thomas Dunleavy. I live at 155 Country Club
2 Drive in Oxford. That's D-u-n-l-e-a-v-y.
3 I'm sure everyone here would
4 agree with the statement that all elected
5 officials and appointed officials in our
6 cities, towns, states and country, their
7 first duty is to protect the citizens.
8 How often have we seen in the
9 last 10 to 15 years new projects approved by
10 governments at all levels, both statewide,
11 internationally, in our whole country, and
12 then something bad comes up as a result of
13 the project or the law, and we're told that
14 there are unintended consequences. It's a
15 shame.
16 I'd like to ask a rhetorical
17 question: Is all the tax revenues, all the
18 jobs, and all the power that will come out of
19 this project be worth it if one life is
20 compromised as a result of this project?
21 Thank you.
22 THE CHAIRMAN: Kevin Celli and
23 followed by Dan McNerney.
24 KEVIN CELLI: First, I want to
25 thank you for the opportunity. It's Kevin

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1 Celli, C-e-l-l-i. I live on Andrew Mountain
2 Road, which is maybe a quarter-mile in from
3 Oxford, Chestnut Tree Hill Road, probably
4 two miles from the proposed site.
5 I've been in Naugatuck for ten
6 years, coached high-school football, and
7 mentored and coached many kids in town and
8 the surrounding towns for the past 17 years.
9 Also, I've been doing construction my whole
10 life, and I'm a proud operator for Local 478.
11 And if you've heard, in the
12 past, we haven't had a lot of work. I
13 remember six or seven years ago, my wife was
14 in school, and we had a little son at home
15 living in a one-bedroom condominium saving up
16 to move out into a three-family house, and
17 later on into a one-family house. And now
18 that we have a chance to do some work in our
19 own backyard, I think that's a great idea.
20 There's many guys out here, many women out
21 here, that travel very far for work when
22 there is work.
23 And I think there's two things
24 clear. We also need energy. We have to
25 trust that UConn did their study thoroughly,

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1 did their study properly, and the CCEA for
2 that matter, and upgrade our power. Thank
3 you for your attention and I vote for the
4 plant.
5 THE CHAIRMAN:
6 Mr. McNerney followed by
7 David Rogers.
8 DANIEL MCINERNEY: Dan
9 McNerney, M-c-capital I-n-e-r-n-e-y. I'm a
10 business representative for the International
11 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union
12 488.
13 I am in support of the
14 805-megawatt energy center. This generating
15 station is one of the cleanest technologies
16 available. CPV will add millions of dollars
17 to the tax base for the town of Oxford. It
18 will also fund several other associated
19 projects, two metering stations on the
20 Pomperaug River and the road for the Woodruff
21 Hill Industrial park. They've also committed
22 to funding community support over the next 20
23 years.
24 This project will also assist
25 in stabilizing the electric grid in

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1 Connecticut which will be suffering shortly
2 due to the power plant decommissioning and
3 increased electrical needs. CPV will also
4 create approximately 500 badly needed
5 construction jobs and create 20 to 25
6 permanent full-time jobs. These jobs will be
7 done by skilled craftsmen who live in the
8 state and give back to the communities that
9 they live in by paying taxes and supporting
10 the local economies of the communities that
11 they live in. I am in support of this
12 project.
13 Thank you.
14 THE CHAIRMAN: And thank you.
15 David Rogers followed by David
16 Sippin -- Sippin.
17 DAVID ROGERS: Hi. David
18 Rogers, R-o-g-e-r-s, 100 Hill Road,
19 Naugatuck, Connecticut. I've been in that
20 house since I was born in 1958.
21 I'm opposed to this power
22 plant because millions of dollars have been
23 poured into the Oxford regional airport.
24 Putting a power plant in that location will
25 fly in the face of this investment. It will

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1 create air pollution and noise pollution. It
2 will, at times, require outrageous amounts of
3 water. It will release that polluted water
4 into the Naugatuck River.
5 It will permanently devastate
6 the rural nature and appeal of the area, not
7 only because of the smell and the noise, but
8 the smokestacks will be visible for miles.
9 The Naugatuck Valley Council
10 of Governments, in its plan of conservation
11 and development for Naugatuck, recommended
12 that the borough classify the lands bordering
13 the power plant as rural.
14 Great. Sorry.
15 Well, you know, without my
16 notes, I'm just going to tell you that I
17 think that the area that we're putting it in
18 is completely inappropriate. The studies say
19 that it will help economics, but those
20 economics would be beneficial to any
21 community as opposed to just this community.
22 And Naugatuck is going to
23 receive the brunt of the pollution. It's
24 going to come right down -- with the
25 prevailing winds and the topography, is going

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1 to come right down into Naugatuck. And
2 Naugatuck is a community that, for centuries,
3 has been polluted and has finally, after
4 decades, cleaned itself up, and it's going to
5 be a shame to see that happen to it now.
6 A more appropriate site would
7 be to physically replace a coal or oil plant
8 that is scheduled to be decommissioned. To
9 put a plant like this in a rural area and
10 right next to an area that has just recovered
11 after centuries of pollution is sinful.
12 The number of -- the number
13 one responsibility of the Connecticut Siting
14 Council is balancing the need for adequate
15 and reliable public utility services at the
16 lowest reasonable cost to the consumer with
17 the need to protect the environment
18 ecologically -- ecology of the state and to
19 minimize damage to a scenic, historic and
20 recreational values. This power plant could
21 not be in more direct violation of this
22 responsibility even if it tried.
23 This site is surrounded by
24 wooded areas, fields, farms, lakes, ponds,
25 rivers, and people's homes. I'm asking you

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1 to help protect this area from being ruined
2 in the name of greed and short-term
3 objectives. Once this goes up, there's no
4 turning back. Please think of the many
5 people who have made this their home with the
6 specific goal of living in a healthy
7 environment.
8 Thank you.
9 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sippin
10 followed by Alan Rumberg.
11 DAVID SIPPAN: Yes. David
12 Sippin, S-i-p-p-i-n, address, 234 Main
13 Street, Monroe. I own two technology
14 buildings and some industrial land in Oxford
15 surrounding the airport. I'm in strong
16 support of this project. I feel it will
17 provide a significant, long-term positive
18 impact and help the state.
19 I agree with the findings of
20 the UConn study, with the new jobs and the
21 significant amount of income taxes to be
22 generated. I feel it will provide clean
23 electrical power. It will help reduce our
24 local energy costs.
25 The project is located in a

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1 remote, properly zoned industrial piece of
2 land. I think it will be quiet,
3 environmentally safe, generate minimal
4 traffic.
5 For the Town of Oxford, this
6 facility will significantly expand the tax
7 base by absorbing roughly 6 percent of the
8 town's budget. Every single property owner
9 in Oxford will benefit from significantly
10 reduced real estate taxes and personal
11 property taxes. It will also provide
12 hundreds of construction related jobs to
13 local tradesmen during the construction
14 period.
15 I feel this is a huge win-win
16 for Oxford and the surrounding towns. I
17 support the project. Thank you.
18 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
19 Again, we're just taking time.
20 Mr. Rumberg followed by Glenn
21 Chester.
22 ALAN RUMBERG: Good evening.
23 My name is Alan Rumberg, R-u-m-b-e-r-g, 577
24 Inverness Court, in Oxford.
25 I had notes to go through and

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1 tell you all my feelings of why I'm against
2 this. Everybody said what I say in this. So
3 I just wanted to address two areas of
4 concern. The flippant way the CPV, Mr.
5 Bazinet, was quoted in the paper as saying
6 the -- the eight -- the 500 -- 515-megawatts
7 power plant, in 1999, is going to be
8 increased to 805. It's going to be tweaked.
9 Now, to me, tweaked is
10 something you heard on the football field.
11 You hurt your leg, you walk off, you rub it
12 and you come back on. What they're doing
13 here is increasing the size of the -- by
14 59 percent, the size of the power plant. And
15 that includes two 150-foot stacks that is
16 going to spew out the polluted air which is
17 going to affect the high schools in the area.
18 It's going to affect the children of the
19 area. It's going to affect the senior
20 citizens of the area.
21 And maybe not immediately, but
22 over time, that gets into your lungs, and it
23 doesn't leave. It's -- I understand the --
24 the union people want jobs, and I really
25 feel -- feel for them. But when it comes to

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1 health, the health cost will rise
2 dramatically over the years in terms of
3 solving these issues.
4 The other part was that
5 Mr. Temple indicated that -- I don't know
6 how -- but he indicated the home values would
7 be going up. It never was clarified how it
8 would be going up. People move away from a
9 power plant, not close to a power plant.
10 Nobody wants to move in.
11 I moved in four years ago, and
12 if somebody told me that the power plant was
13 going to be built in your backyard, would I
14 have come here? No. It's -- it's health.
15 It's health. It's, you know, it's all you
16 have left in life, your grandchildren, your
17 children.
18 So I ask the committee, you
19 are going to be the jury, and I say that
20 respectfully, because you're going to decide
21 on the health of the people in Oxford and the
22 health on the children who are growing up in
23 the years to come.
24 I thank you.
25 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

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1 I think it's Glenn Chester.
2 GLENN CHESTER: Chester.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Followed by
4 Gill Kirby.
5 GLENN CHESTER: Good evening.
6 My name is Glenn Chester, C-h-e-s-t-e-r.
7 I'm the business rep for Local
8 777, the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local of
9 Connecticut. I represent 18 -- 1800 members.
10 We have an apprentice program second to none.
11 We also belong to the Connecticut Building
12 Trades, which is 15,000 tradesmen strong, and
13 strongly in favor of this project for all the
14 members of all trades.
15 You know, as I sat in the
16 crowd, I was listening to some of the people
17 comment "Well, build it in your town." I'm
18 from North Windham, Connecticut. I would
19 absolutely support it in my town. I have
20 numerous -- I have hundreds and thousands --
21 a thousand hours plus working in these power
22 plants down in Millstone, Killingly,
23 Middletown. These powerhouses emit less
24 emissions than cars, than the houses'
25 furnaces, oil.

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1 So again, the cooling systems,
2 there's no way they could be polluting the
3 rivers. It's a closed system. It goes
4 through a heat exchanger. The water is not
5 in contact with anything that would be of any
6 polluted value.
7 So again, I stand here before
8 you in support of this project, and I thank
9 you for your time.
10 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
11 You know, it's not easy to
12 get -- to get up here, so please show respect
13 even if you disagree with what the person is
14 saying.
15 So it's Gill Kirby followed by
16 David Stalker.
17 GILL KIRBY: Good evening. I
18 am Gill Kirby. I live in Prospect. Last
19 name is Kirby, K-i-r-b-y.
20 I represent many concerned
21 citizens of Prospect and all concerned people
22 who live in the communities that would be
23 negatively impacted by this proposed CPV
24 Towantic Power Plant.
25 I, like many of my neighbors,

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1 am concerned about the air quality caused by
2 the impact of the tons of known pollutants
3 and toxins on our children, elderly neighbors
4 and family members, as there are numerous
5 environmental and health issues linked to
6 them, including cancer.

7 I am concerned about this
8 plant being proposed in predominantly
9 residential community in an area of the
10 state. I am concerned about 60,000 to
11 100,000 gallons of water that will be used
12 per day and the potential hazards of this
13 high volume of dirty wastewater.

14 On October 22nd, I went to the
15 CPV presentation in Oxford. As the meeting
16 went on, my observations were that CPV
17 representatives avoided honestly answering
18 solid, legitimate questions that were asked
19 by local residents. After the public portion
20 of the meeting was abruptly shut down, I met
21 John Donovan, vice president of CPV.

22 We talked a bit, and I asked
23 him about how many trucks per hour would
24 travel on the local roads per day during the
25 claimed allowable up to one month per year of

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1 member of the St. Francis, St. Hedwig
2 Schools' school board, so I see all the
3 children that this is going to impact, and I
4 know their families.

5 Thank you.
6 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
7 David Stalker followed by Mark
8 Pinard.

9 DAVID STALKER: Hi. Good
10 evening. I am Charlie. My name is David
11 Stalker. I live at 144 Prokop Road in
12 Oxford.

13 My family and I have lived
14 here in Oxford over ten years. Before we
15 moved to Oxford, we researched it, and we
16 knew it was a growing town and we wanted to
17 live in it.

18 My wife and I knew we had an
19 airport, a commercial section that goes right
20 through the center of Oxford, and would
21 someday be developed. We -- we also knew
22 there was an industrial district in the north
23 end of town. We know the plans and approval
24 to build a power plant in that industrial
25 section, we just did not know when they would

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1 oil use versus gas use. I asked about what
2 the level of pollution is during gas use and
3 what the percentage of increase would be
4 during oil use.

5 I asked why the use of heavily
6 polluting fossil fuels, since Connecticut has
7 a state initiative to produce, I think,
8 20 percent of it's energy from renewable
9 green resources by the year 2020.

10 John Donovan agreed to send me
11 the answers and gave me his business card, as
12 he didn't have the answers then. I even gave
13 him my e-mail address.

14 Most of all, I am concerned
15 about the failure of CPV to honestly answer
16 questions I ask, not just once in person, but
17 via e-mail a second, third and fourth time.
18 I finally gave up on my fifth request. I
19 have a copy of the e-mail chain that I will
20 leave for you, as Mr. Donovan has failed and
21 left unanswered my questions. CPV's failure
22 to answer questions at the meeting and those
23 I ask should make us all extremely skeptical
24 as to their real motives.

25 I also want to add that I'm a

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1 build it.

2 We always expected it would be
3 built, and even though -- and even brought --
4 I'm sorry. We always expected it would be
5 built, and the power plant even bought Oxford
6 a brand-new fire truck, with the ladder on
7 top of it you see at the parades, with no
8 taxpayer money. That was given to them
9 during -- as part of the contract with
10 Oxford. It is my understanding the truck was
11 paid by -- completely by the power plant with
12 no taxpayer funds involved.

13 Now that they've had 15 years
14 to improve on their original plans and have
15 the benefit of new technologies that would
16 make it safer and more energy-efficient and
17 economically friendly, the economic boon in
18 Oxford and the surrounding committees --
19 communities will be a welcome development,
20 and I am happy that this plant will finally
21 be built.

22 They also will build a road
23 that will open up access to lots owned by
24 Oxford so other business will give Oxford a
25 serious look. Not only will it bring Oxford

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1 much needed tax revenue, but it will
2 hopefully be the jump-start for economic
3 development in our industrial zone that is so
4 badly needed. It will -- it will bring with
5 it jobs and good sense growth to our town.

6 Hopefully, the expansion plan
7 will be approved as soon as possible so
8 construction of this plant will not face
9 further delay and then -- and it can be
10 built. And the "when it can be built" will
11 be finally answered. I thank you for your
12 time.

13 I -- someone mentioned
14 Bridgeport. And I thought they had a
15 coal-power plant in Bridgeport. You always
16 see the red and white stacks. Ten years ago,
17 maybe, they put a gas-powered plant in there.
18 And I believe that they shut down the coal
19 power force, reduced the plant significantly,
20 using the gas power in Bridgeport more than
21 the coal. You're not stuck with an
22 antiquated old coal-power plant. It does
23 have a gas-powered turbine that is there up
24 and operating for quite some years now.

25 I thank you very much and have

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1 towns in this area, as well as to the entire
2 state of Connecticut, will be felt well into
3 the future. The increase in jobs and tax
4 revenues will help ensure a better economy,
5 one that will be able to continue to grow to
6 support the families that reside here in this
7 state. The future of our state depends on
8 economic development such as this.

9 Thank you.
10 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
11 Mr. Reilly followed by Chris
12 O'Neill.

13 PETER REILLY: Good evening,
14 Siting Council members. My name is Peter
15 Reilly. That's R-e-i-l-l-y. I'd like to
16 thank you for your service to the state of
17 Connecticut.

18 I'm a vice president with the
19 Connecticut State Building and Construction
20 Trades Council where I represent 30,000 union
21 building and tradesmen and women in the state
22 of Connecticut. And we stand 100 percent
23 behind this project.

24 As some of my brothers and
25 sisters who have spoken before me have said,

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1 a great night.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
3 Mark Pinard followed by Peter
4 Reilly.

5 MARK PINARD: My name is Mark
6 Pinard, P-i-n-a-r-d. I'm a business manager
7 for the Boilermakers of Connecticut.

8 On behalf of the men and women
9 of the International Brotherhood of
10 Boilermakers throughout the state of
11 Connecticut I would urge this Council to
12 approve THE CPV Towantic energy project as it
13 is presented today. The benefits of this
14 development are enormous for this region and
15 the state.

16 This will provide reliable,
17 affordable energy that will be a boost to the
18 economy of this area. When industry and
19 businesses are looking to relocate, one of
20 their main concerns is the cost and
21 availability of power. This proposed plant
22 will ensure that we will be able to fill that
23 need while using the cleanest and efficient
24 technologies possible.

25 The economic benefits to the

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1 we faced unemployment in the industry over
2 the years, the last 4 or 5 years topping off
3 at 50 percent unemployment. Now with a
4 project such as this, it's an opportunity for
5 economic revitalization.

6 This project, we worked under
7 a project labor agreement providing a
8 veterans hiring program, apprenticeship
9 hiring, female hiring, minority business
10 enterprise hiring, small business enterprise
11 hiring. It's an economic boon that will work
12 very, very well for the state of Connecticut.

13 We've often heard the term
14 "I'm my brother's keeper." We have to be our
15 brother's keeper. We can't sit by while we
16 have 40 and 50 percent unemployment, when we
17 can start to put our people back to work and
18 provide apprenticeship opportunities for the
19 next generation of young people in this
20 community. We could even go forward in the
21 community and do career days in the high
22 school.

23 It's a win-win situation, as
24 some of the other people have spoken before
25 me have also said. It provides much needed

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1 energy to the state of Connecticut. Let's go
2 forward with it. We wholeheartedly support
3 it. And again, thank you for your service.
4 THE CHAIRMAN: Chris O'Neill
5 followed by Blaze Fabry.
6 CHRIS O'NEILL: Good evening.
7 Chris O'Neill, O-apostrophe-N-e-i-l-l. I am
8 currently the president of the Boilermakers
9 out of Local 237.
10 Being a resident in the state
11 of Connecticut my whole life, and being a
12 part of the younger generation, I see the
13 importance in economic growth. A
14 805-megawatt natural-gas-driven,
15 electric-generating facility would bring a
16 much needed and beneficial step in the right
17 direction. Not only would it stimulate the
18 town of Oxford and surrounding areas, it
19 would put hundreds of state residents to
20 work, and bring every -- every one of us
21 clean and reliable energy that is needed in
22 our everyday.
23 On behalf of the Boilermakers
24 of Connecticut and the Connecticut State
25 Building Trades, we support clean energy and

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1 this project.
2 Thank you.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Followed by Tim
4 Sail -- I'm not sure.
5 Go ahead, sir.
6 BLAZE FABRY: Good evening.
7 My name is Blaze Fabry, F-a-b-r-y. And I'm
8 an Oxford resident for ten years, and I have
9 three little children going to school over
10 here. And I live on the other side of the
11 town. So what it comes down to, I think,
12 that the closer you live the more you oppose.
13 But since I live on the other
14 side of town, I'm not as much opposed to it.
15 On the other hand, I know that the town is
16 considering building a new school for -- my
17 son is in Center School. He's, like, in
18 lower grades. And my other two children is
19 going to go in there. So I know there's
20 needs -- a need for education, which already
21 makes up more than 50 percent of our town
22 budget, if I'm right. And so I'm concerned
23 about the town's budget.
24 And that said, I think,
25 overall, the benefits for this project is

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1 greater than the overall losses that the
2 residents nearby is going to incur. So I say
3 yes to this project, even though I understand
4 those who are opposed to it. Thank you.
5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
6 Tim Segai followed by David
7 Guserra.
8 TIMOTHY SEGAI: My name is Tim
9 Segai. I live in Seymour, Connecticut.
10 Coal is dirty. Nuclear is
11 dangerous. As we phase out these sources of
12 energy that we're reliant on now, we have to
13 switch over to clean gas. I believe this
14 project was approved because of its close
15 proximity to a gas pipeline and also to the
16 power grid as it comes through the state of
17 Connecticut.
18 I know people don't want to
19 have it in their backyard, but we do have --
20 we do have an enormous need for power
21 throughout the state, as we import it from
22 other parts of the region.
23 I belong to local 478, and
24 yes, our members have suffered through the
25 recession for jobs. It will be good for

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1 jobs, but we also do need the -- the energy
2 coming into this area. So I hope you approve
3 the project.
4 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
5 David -- David Guserra --
6 Robin -- followed by Robin -- I'm having
7 trouble reading this -- Serino and -- thank
8 you. Followed by Ethan Downs.
9 ROBIN CICCARINO: Hi. Good
10 evening. My name is Robin Ciccarino,
11 C-i-c-c-a-r-i-n-o.
12 Natural gas and the fossil
13 fuel that promotes it is cleaner than coal,
14 but it has serious environmental hazards.
15 They have carcinogenic elements and
16 compounds, such as arsenic and benzene, that
17 occur in environmental areas when power
18 plants cause pollution in the community.
19 Pipelines and compressor
20 stations face problems when they are
21 traveling through underground trenches.
22 Natural gas is worse than coal for global
23 warming. Gas is worse because of the leakage
24 from the wells to the pipelines and
25 compressor stations to the end-users. Those

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1 are people with wells in their yards.
2 Methane is the principal component of the
3 natural gas.
4 We have to worry about
5 environmental changes and how they affect
6 human health, especially our schools where
7 the circumference, if drawn on a map, is near
8 the power plant, which it is. The plant
9 should not be near two schools, namely LMES
10 and Pomperaug High School.
11 Carbon pollution, unchecked
12 carbon, leads to changes in rising sea
13 levels, changes in weather precipitation in
14 patterns, a change in our ecosystem which, in
15 turn, leads to worsening smog, and as a
16 result, is bad for plane flying near or over
17 this plant and may, therefore, cause
18 increasing accidents and create visibility
19 problems. We're supposed to be reducing the
20 amount of carbon pollution, not adding to it.
21 Now, groundwater, what happens
22 to our groundwater with this power plant?
23 The eight-mile feature runs underground in
24 this area. How will this affect the
25 community wells, individual wells, wildlife

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1 with the such as benzene, chemicals thrown
2 into the environment?
3 We have a problem here since
4 there are kids with asthma at schools. How
5 will this affect them? I have children at
6 school -- at that school. I don't want the
7 power plant near their school. Why shouldn't
8 we stand up for our children's health? Face
9 it, having a power plant in this area is
10 literally detrimental to their health,
11 wouldn't you say? Did they ask for this
12 power plant to cause problems with their
13 health? What did they do about all these
14 pollutants in the future?
15 Thank you for the opportunity
16 to speak.
17 THE CHAIRMAN: Ethan Downs
18 followed by Josh Zitnay.
19 ETHAN DOWNS: Hello. My name
20 is Ethan Downs, D-o-w-n-s. I live on 75
21 Coppermine Road. I am a veteran of the
22 United States Army.
23 Thank you.
24 I have recently transformed
25 into a union ironworker out of Local 424, and

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1 I, a hundred percent, support the -- the
2 building of the power plant. I've lived in
3 Oxford 23 years and I see way more benefits
4 than negative effects.
5 Thank you for your time.
6 THE CHAIRMAN: And Josh Zitnay
7 followed by Mark Flourde.
8 JOSH ZITNAY: Hello. My name
9 is Josh Zitnay, Z-i-t-n-a-y.
10 I'd like to say that I am in
11 full support of this project. I'm a union
12 ironworker with Local 424, and I've lived in
13 Oxford my whole life, since I was two years
14 old.
15 I think it would be very
16 beneficial to the town. I mean, we need the
17 tax revenue. As Mr. Carbonaro said, he
18 knows, he does the budget. And all the
19 benefits, I mean, the jobs is just
20 astronomical, how much money we could put
21 into the community to help everyone out, and
22 that's about it.
23 Thank you.
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
25 Mark Flourde and -- followed

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1 by Francis Teodosio.
2 Also, usually we take a break
3 around this time; however, we're doing very
4 well, and I think we have a shot at getting
5 through. And I sort of hesitate to say take
6 a five-minute break because getting -- but if
7 people have to take a break, including
8 members of the Council, you know, feel free
9 to use the restrooms.
10 Go ahead, sir.
11 But I'm just afraid if I say
12 five minutes, by the time people get up and
13 walk around, it will be 20 minutes. Okay.
14 MARK PLOURDE: Okay. My name
15 is Mark Flourde. I'm from Southbury. I live
16 about two miles away from the proposed plant.
17 I'm from the Fitters Local 777. I'm for this
18 project.
19 It's a very clean, gas-burning
20 project. It will not pollute our rivers.
21 And I just think it's great for the area.
22 But I'm for this project.
23 Thank you very much.
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
25 Francis Teodosio followed by Mark McInerny --

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1 McInerny.
2 FRANCIS TEODOSIO: Hello. My
3 name is Francis Teodosio. It's
4 T-e-o-d-o-s-i-o.
5 And the first thing I would
6 like to point out to the commission is I am
7 not the attorney for the Town of Oxford. I
8 was the attorney four years ago. All of your
9 correspondence and all of your documents
10 tonight list me as the town attorney. That
11 is not the case so --
12 THE CHAIRMAN: We apologize.
13 FRANCIS TEODOSIO: Okay. I
14 bring that up for a reason, though. I was
15 the attorney, at one time, for the town of
16 Oxford. I was the attorney for the town of
17 Oxford after a time that I opposed the first
18 power plant. And the process being what the
19 process is, as you've been told, it was
20 approved.
21 So when I became the town
22 attorney, it was my responsibility to take
23 care of the town's contracts and agreements,
24 which we had at that time with another entity
25 that proposed to build. And that was a

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1 blue-chip entity. That was General Electric.
2 But as you know, the economy turned bad, and
3 General Electric let us know very clearly
4 that those promises of jobs, those promises
5 of taxes, and everything else were not going
6 to be given, for no other reason that they
7 just didn't want to do it at this time.
8 Now, they were good to us.
9 And they did pay us less money than they had
10 promised. But now we have another entity
11 making promises, and we have unions here and
12 everybody say we're going to get taxes and
13 we're going to get jobs, but they're just
14 promises. They're only promises until they
15 actually come through.
16 The area that you're proposing
17 to put this in, I think many people would
18 say, is more akin to an area like Vermont
19 than New Jersey. It's a power plant. It
20 belongs in an industrial area. This is an
21 improper place to put it.
22 The gentleman talked about --
23 more than one gentleman has talked about,
24 well, if I knew that it was here, I wouldn't
25 have moved here, or you shouldn't have moved

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1 here. This is the true story. I was in my
2 doctor's office for a general checkup, and he
3 came in and he was telling me how excited he
4 was to move to Oxford. And I looked at him,
5 and I told him that he was approximately a
6 mile from the proposed power plant. He
7 doesn't live in Oxford. He breached that
8 contract.
9 You have an opportunity to
10 allow this area to stay the way it should be.
11 It should have never gotten the proposal for
12 the 502-megawatt plant. Now that the larger
13 plant is proposed, please use your
14 discretion. Please do what they say in
15 Vermont. When a big project comes up they
16 say, "Please don't Jersey Vermont." I ask
17 you not to Jersey Oxford, not to Jersey
18 Naugatuck, not to Jersey Southbury, not to
19 Jersey --
20 THE CHAIRMAN: I guess we
21 don't have too many Chris Christie fans here.
22 Mr. McKinney followed by John
23 Monroe.
24 MARK McKINNEY: Good evening.
25 My name is Mark McKinney. I live at 7

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1 Towantic Hill Road. And I'd like to review
2 how we got to where we are today. The place,
3 this site, was a residential area. Planning
4 and zoning had some meetings and wanted to
5 change it over to industrial. They were met
6 with local opposition, but they decided to
7 change it to industrial. After that, within
8 months, maybe weeks, there was an application
9 to put it in as a power plant. That was met
10 with opposition.
11 And I think you have -- you
12 know, you approved that project, but all the
13 promises that were made in 1999 never
14 happened. The only good thing that happened
15 is that that power plant never got built.
16 That was the only public benefit.
17 You talk about public benefit
18 for this new plant, other than the jobs that
19 everybody who support this are talking about,
20 there really isn't any public benefit. The
21 benefit is only for CPT, or whatever their
22 name is, this entity, that's going to have
23 profits and generating electricity which they
24 will sell to anyplace they want to. They
25 don't have to sell it to Oxford.

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1 So it's clear -- I'm clear
2 with you that I oppose this and urge you to
3 reject this project. Thank you.
4 THE CHAIRMAN: John Monroe
5 followed by Ryan Glick.
6 JOHN MONO: My name is John
7 Mono. I live in Southbury, Connecticut. I'm
8 blessed to live on beautiful Lake -- Lake
9 Zoar. I've lived in a lot of places in my
10 life and have traveled all around the world.
11 I feel so blessed to live in a place where
12 the water is clean and the air is clean.
13 Many of you here that live
14 here your whole life have taken this for
15 granted in a sense. Maybe if you lived
16 somewhere else, you'd appreciate the land
17 that you live in because it's precious and
18 it's holy ground and sacred ground.
19 I've lost my health in the
20 past from mercury poisoning. I know the
21 effects of toxic contaminants and heavy
22 metals. I work in the healing field. I've
23 been a homeopath and in the healing field for
24 over 25 years. Heavy-metal poisoning is
25 increasing and is affecting peoples lives.

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1 It's a big issue.
2 Clean -- this plant is
3 proposed -- they're supposed to be a clean
4 energy plan. It is far from that. This area
5 is our home, as you've said. We've all said
6 this is no place to be putting a power plant.
7 In the past, conditions were different. I
8 have lived in Oxford Greens, and the
9 expansion that has taken place there, the
10 proximity of people's homes to this power
11 plant, it is utterly irresponsible to the
12 health of these people that live in this area
13 to go forward with this project.
14 Also, this project is huge.
15 The appetite of this plant for bringing in
16 water, for draining the aquifers that feed
17 Heritage Hills, that feed Oxford Greens, when
18 those go dry, what is the power plant going
19 to say? Sorry. Too bad.
20 This plant will impact water
21 barrier, the rivers, the greenways. There's
22 so much progress that Connecticut has made to
23 clean up this -- the environment. We have
24 eagles here. We have ospreys here now.
25 Going forward with this plant will put

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1 Connecticut into the dark ages again. And
2 there's nothing about progress in this plant.
3 I'm all about jobs. I'm all
4 about money. I'm all about revenue, but
5 there's better ways to do it. There's
6 cleaner ways to do it, and there are more
7 healthier ways that we can do it. So I
8 really urge you, because once these decisions
9 are made, you cannot turn back. It's great
10 to have schools, but what good are they when
11 they are filled with children that have
12 cancer?
13 If we go around this room, ask
14 everyone who has cancer, who has had it, who
15 has known someone who's had it, it's only
16 getting worse. This plant will not
17 contribute to this epidemic in this country
18 and across the world.
19 Thank you.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: And followed by
21 Ryan Glick.
22 RYAN GLICK: I'm Ryan Glick.
23 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, I'm sorry.
24 Followed by Jeremy Zito, I think. Thank you.
25 RYAN GLICK: All right. My

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1 name is Ryan Glick. That's G-I-i-c-k. I am
2 chairman of the Naugatuck River Revival
3 Group.
4 There are many reasons why
5 this power plant should not be built, and
6 they are very complicated as well. And I'm
7 just going to concentrate on two very simple
8 things in. Natural gas is not clean energy.
9 It's extremely unfortunate that it's been
10 branded that way. Natural gas is a fossil
11 fuel. Therefore, when it's burned, it
12 contributes to greenhouse gases. These are
13 facts.
14 According to the EPA, natural
15 gas emits half the amount of CO2 as coal.
16 And we're talking about coal. Nothing is
17 dirtier than coal. The difference between
18 burning natural gas and burning oil is even
19 less significant. It is not an in -- it is
20 not beneficial to burn natural gas. We
21 should be investing in truly sustainable
22 energy --
23 THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, sir.
24 RYAN GLICK: Yeah?
25 THE CHAIRMAN: You're an

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1 intervenor?
2 RYAN GLICK: No. I'm not.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we have a
4 letter from you.
5 RYAN GLICK: I'm not an
6 intervenor. I don't really know what that
7 means.
8 THE CHAIRMAN: It's a
9 different one. Sorry, I apologize.
10 RYAN GLICK: We should be
11 investing in truly sustainable energy
12 sources, not making slight modifications to
13 antique ones.
14 There's another small problem
15 with this power plant, an extremely small
16 problem. It's actually 2.5 micrometers.
17 It's called PM 2.5. It's -- it stands for a
18 particulate matter that is just small enough
19 for us to breathe deep into our lungs when we
20 take a deep breath. In a study performed by
21 SPAC throughout all of Europe, throughout
22 over hundred thousand participants, it has
23 been proven to increase the chances of lung
24 cancer.
25 And -- and PM 2.5 is factually

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1 known as -- as a pollution that comes from
2 burning natural gas. There's no way around
3 it. So I know that there is currently --
4 seek of approval to figure out what the
5 allowable amount of PM 2.5 is. Well, I hope
6 that they asked the hundreds of thousands of
7 people it will affect in the surrounding
8 towns and ask them what they think, because I
9 suggest that it should be zero, because
10 that's what we currently have, and I think
11 that's what we should have forever.
12 THE CHAIRMAN: Jeremy Zeedyk.
13 And is there an Andrian Sparce?
14 ANDREW SPRY: Andrew Spry.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. This
16 handwriting I can't even come close to it.
17 So you're next. Thank you.
18 JEREMY ZEEDYK: Good evening.
19 My name is Jeremy Zeedyk, Z-e-e-d-y-k. And I
20 just want to say I really do love the passion
21 that we have here tonight, and I appreciate
22 it. I just wish we could get this kind of
23 thing for other issues that we support, such
24 as wage stuff of workers and worker safety
25 when they're at work. So I just wanted to

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1 brought -- bring that point clear.
2 I represent the sheet metal
3 workers of Connecticut. We're some 800
4 families strong. We've -- we've been green
5 before it was cool to be green. We were in
6 favor of energy efficiency standards going
7 back way into the fifties and sixties. We
8 supported green buildings and the LEED
9 process very early on.
10 In our own state, we've been
11 trying to get a green tradesman certificate
12 so that the actual workers that are on the
13 site know the importance of the things
14 they're doing when they're trying to make
15 these buildings as efficient as possible.
16 We've been in support of fresh air standards,
17 water and airtight buildings, and light
18 safety systems.
19 I personally care deeply for
20 the environment and the health and safety of
21 all the people of the state, and the -- and
22 the Earth for that matter. But we are in
23 favor, the sheet metal workers and the other
24 building trades, we're in favor of this
25 project as a bridge to a cleaner energy

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1 future. We do support solar energy. We
2 support wind energy. We support all the
3 energies. We want to get to that point, but
4 we need something to get us there and this is
5 one of those things that will do it.
6 It will create an economic --
7 economic stimulus of over a billion dollars
8 by some estimates, and will create a
9 sustain -- create and sustain hundreds of
10 good quality, career sustaining jobs.
11 And I think it says something
12 that the population of Oxford has grown
13 significantly knowing that there's a power
14 plant that's right -- right next to you. You
15 know, they know that it's coming. And for
16 these and for other reasons, we urge the
17 Council to approve -- and approve the
18 expanded project, as proposed, before you.
19 And I thank you for your time.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
21 The next -- followed by Mike
22 Spellman.
23 ANDREW SPRY: Good evening
24 ladies and gentlemen. I'm Andrew Spry,
25 S-p-r-y. I am a student pilot. My concerns

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1 for the Oxford power plant are that a lot of
2 small aircraft are flying out of the airport.
3 A lot of inexperienced fliers fly out of the
4 airport, too. You can hit the 450-foot
5 stacks, or turbulence can hit your plane.
6 It will also send up air that
7 can cause air pollution and health problems.
8 You cannot pack up the airport, but since the
9 power plant is not built, you can pack up the
10 power plant and move it to the other place in
11 the state where the power grid connects, but
12 please don't put it next to our airport. A
13 lot of Oxford and all the towns are against
14 this project.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very
16 much.
17 Mike Stoffle followed by, I
18 think it's Tonya Carver.
19 A VOICE: She had to leave.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
21 Ed Carver followed by Ray
22 Hodgson.
23 ED CARVER: My name is Ed
24 Carver, C-a-r-v-e-r. I'm an Oxford resident.
25 I'm an Oxford business owner. I'm also vice

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1 chairman for the Economic Development
2 Commission for Oxford.
3 I apologize. My wife had to
4 leave this evening. We have four children.
5 Thursday night is our family dinner with my
6 mother-in-law, who also lives in Oxford.
7 The -- I bought my first piece
8 of property in 1984 here in Oxford, built my
9 first house in 1986. Recently built a new
10 home maybe three years ago very close to my
11 old home. I actually can see the gas
12 compression station, so I'm sure I'll be able
13 to see the power plant. I see the power
14 lines.
15 I started my first business in
16 Oxford in 1988. My current business is right
17 across -- or, actually, on the runway. I
18 watch the planes land. I am in favor of the
19 power plant. I think this is -- is good for
20 the state. I think it is certainly good for
21 Oxford, both economically, taxwise, jobwise.
22 And I believe this new power plant is much
23 more efficient than the one that is -- has
24 already been approved.
25 Thank you.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
2 Raye Hodgson, followed by --
3 RAYE HODGSON: Good evening.
4 It's -- it's not an easy one.
5 THE CHAIRMAN: -- followed by
6 Mike Ciacciarella.
7 RAYE HODGSON: I'm Raye
8 Hodgson,
9 H-o-D like David-G like George-s-o-n. Thank
10 you for this opportunity.
11 I'm in agreement with Robin
12 Ciccarino especially regarding the carbon
13 pollution that we really need to be cutting
14 back on. While natural gas does produce less
15 than coal, it's still not a good way to go.
16 And regarding a transition to
17 cleaner energy, a recent report was published
18 in -- late last year saying that, in fact,
19 these natural gas to electricity plants have
20 been shown to delay adoption of better
21 sources of energy such as renewables.
22 I also agree with Francis
23 Teodosio regarding the promises of taxes and
24 jobs. I agree with John Mono regarding
25 health concerns and water issues. I

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1 absolutely recognize we do need jobs. That
2 is a huge problem. And we need energy and we
3 need to address sources of pollution.
4 Regarding the jobs, we're
5 making assumptions that many Oxford citizens
6 and local people will get them. And, yes,
7 I'm sure they will get some. But there's not
8 anything specific that I've seen as far as,
9 you know, where these people will be hired
10 from.
11 A private company can hire
12 anyone they want to, from any part of the
13 country they want to, as long as they have
14 the skills and as long as they're the low
15 bidder, if that's the way the company goes or
16 if -- if they -- for any other criteria.
17 It's up to the private company.
18 As far as assumptions of a
19 staggering amount of money, back over 15
20 years ago, we were told there would be an
21 incredible surplus of money. So we're making
22 some assumptions that there's going to be
23 unlimited and reasonably priced natural gas.
24 The Journal of Nature recently
25 published a peer-reviewed article that has

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1 significantly lowered the estimate of the
2 amount of time that we will have a reasonable
3 and reasonably priced supply of natural gas.
4 We need to think about conditions changing in
5 the future.

6 And so we have the security
7 risk. We're relying on fuel from hundreds of
8 miles away brought through a pipeline that
9 could have failures, or economic factors
10 could interfere. Fuel oil distribution could
11 also be interfered with due to whether and
12 economic factors.

13 If a company goes bankrupt or
14 pulls out of this facility, how much does
15 decommissioning this thing cost? Who's going
16 to pay for that? Who's going to pay for
17 treating illnesses associated with the
18 pollution? Who will reimburse farmers who
19 crops are less productive due to pollinator
20 population drop? And who makes the
21 difference in housing value?

22 Thank you.
23 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
24 Mike Ciacciarella followed by
25 John Kawecki.

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1 every ten years, and it gives regional
2 guidelines complementary to the local plan.

3 It calls for, among other
4 recommendations, promoting development of
5 renewable energy resources. It states that
6 development shall be designed to promote
7 abatement of the pollution of the waters and
8 the air of the region. It also calls for
9 conservation of traditional rural lands, such
10 as Oxford. It calls for encouraging
11 activities to identify and preserve important
12 open space areas. And it also goes on to
13 state that it should protect, create, extend
14 and enhance recreational trails in the
15 region, including the Larkin Bridle Trail in
16 Oxford.

17 The current local Oxford plan
18 of conservation claims as its number one
19 overall principle to preserve the rural
20 character of Oxford. It goes on to
21 strategize that Oxford should acquire for
22 public usage Towantic Pond and the land
23 around the pond as a recreational facility to
24 be a component of the state Bridle Trail.
25 One would be remiss to think that a

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1 MICHAEL CIACCIARELLA: Good
2 evening. My name is Mike Ciacciarella,
3 C-i-a-c-c-i-a-r-e-l-l-a. I live in
4 Naugatuck.

5 As the former second deputy
6 mayor of Naugatuck, it is easy to understand
7 why local government would support a project
8 like this just based on the revenue stream
9 that it would create and generate for Oxford.
10 But, of course, decisions, whether on a local
11 level or state level, cannot be made solely
12 on this fact. Doing so would be a total
13 ignorance of local, regional plans and
14 regulations.

15 There are clear reasons why
16 this should not be approved. My ten years as
17 chairman of the Naugatuck Zoning Commission
18 tells me that it would behoove you to start
19 by looking at the current plan of
20 conservation and development for the
21 Naugatuck Valley region.

22 This plan, as you probably
23 know, is mandated by the state. It's also
24 partially funded -- or can be partially
25 funded by the state. It has to be updated

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1 recreational facility next to a power plant
2 would be desirable. This objective is
3 clearly not met with this project.

4 Professionally, I work as a
5 controls and design engineer for a company
6 that produces vertical turbines and pumps for
7 the wastewater industry. It is very easy to
8 understand the technology of its plants.
9 These turbines will be air cooled instead of
10 water cooled. There is a trade-off to that.
11 The trade-off is a higher cost and lower
12 efficiency. In power plants, lower
13 efficiency means more fuel is needed per unit
14 of electricity, which in turn leads to higher
15 air pollution. And of course, ambient
16 temperature also affects the efficiency of
17 the turbines. As turbines age, they become
18 less efficient, which leads to even more
19 pollution. It's a vicious cycle.

20 As I understand it, the
21 Council is responsible for balancing the need
22 for adequate and reliable public utilities
23 while protecting the environment. Money and
24 industry versus the health and well-being of
25 our people, this is the decision to make --

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1 for you to make and to live with.
2 Thank you.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
4 John Kawecki and then Scott
5 Remond.
6 JOHN KAWECKI: Good evening.
7 My name is John Kawecki. That's
8 K-a-w-e-c-k-i. I live in Middlebury.
9 And I'd like to start off with
10 saying I don't agree with this idea of having
11 a power plant next to the airport and having
12 those, I think, 150-high smokestacks within
13 the traffic pattern. And like one of the
14 earlier speakers have mentioned, you could
15 have a significant plane crash and then you
16 would have some sort of a massive explosion,
17 I would imagine.
18 And also, as a businessman, I
19 can't imagine someone from out of state
20 trying to come in here and relocate a nice
21 office building, and then, when you look out
22 your picture window you're going to view
23 pipes from a huge power plant.
24 So it's your responsibility to
25 make sure that economic upturns are actually

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1 met by saying you're not going to attract
2 business, you're going to push away business
3 by allowing this power plant to be built. I
4 think, if you ask any of the surrounding
5 businesses at the airport, they are expanding
6 very nicely for the town of Oxford.
7 However, as an outside
8 businessman, this doesn't look attractive to
9 me. I would never locate my nice office
10 building next to a power plant. And like the
11 earlier speakers have mentioned, people don't
12 move next to a power plant. They move away
13 from it. That is strictly my opinion. And I
14 don't have any scientific analysis to back up
15 what I would do. But in my case, I never
16 would move next to it, and I wouldn't allow
17 it.
18 And as a pilot, I certainly
19 object to those huge stacks in the traffic
20 pattern and -- as the FAA should recognize
21 that as a danger. So, in conclusion, I vote
22 against it.
23 Thank you.
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
25 Mr. Remond followed by

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1 Rochelle Gershenow.
2 SCOTT REMOND: Scott Remond,
3 R-e-m-o-n-d, Eames Drive, in Oxford.
4 Good evening, ladies and
5 gentlemen. Thank you for spending your day
6 in the cold weather here in my town of
7 Oxford.
8 I've lived here for 18 years,
9 and I am against this project. First, let me
10 apologize if my tone -- or my frustration is
11 not angered -- it's not implemented for you
12 guys, but for everything I've heard in the
13 press from CPV, and elsewhere, in misleading
14 residents as to the financial benefits of
15 this project. They're -- they're masking
16 that with the health benefits -- the health
17 problems that it would cause.
18 Fifteen years ago Oxford was a
19 much different place. Our population was
20 different. There was no such thing as Oxford
21 Greens, our golf course, or any -- any places
22 for folks to live in that general area. We,
23 as a community, and our elected officials, 15
24 years ago, fell in this financial trap with
25 the lure of some extra tax money and a shiny

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1 red fire truck.
2 I'm a father of three. I live
3 within three miles. I'm very active in the
4 community. I spend my money in this
5 community as much as I possibly can. I'm
6 here to stay. This is my town, not theirs.
7 I live here. They do not.
8 Why would I, as a resident,
9 want my water quality in my well to go sour
10 years after this maybe being approved? Why
11 would I want the air quality over my head to
12 degrade? There's not a problem with it now.
13 Increased traffic through the
14 roads get oil and workers, and such, to and
15 for -- to this site. Maybe the air traffic
16 patterns are going to change because we're
17 going to avoid this. Sikorsky flies
18 helicopters day in and day out over the
19 site, to the airport. I hear them. Believe
20 me, I do.
21 And oh, my home values are
22 going to skyrocket. I can't wait. One of
23 them said to me, Scott, just leave town. I
24 say no, leave my town and leave my backyard
25 now. I don't want you.

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1 This proposed location is
2 perfect for profit, not for me, not for my
3 family, not for my neighbors, not for my
4 surrounding towns. It's perfect for profit.
5 Please do not tell me, elected
6 officials -- not you folks, the ones behind
7 me -- that my electric prices will drop.
8 We'll see what my bill is in February.
9 Home prices will increase, out
10 and out lie. And my taxes will drop three
11 mills, which is well over a thousand dollars
12 because the average median price in this town
13 is \$315,000.
14 Just the thing, 21,000
15 students, 41 schools, hundreds of people,
16 hundreds of -- thousands of homes, thousands
17 of people, all within harm's way, and all I
18 hear about is financial gain from the
19 proponents, and lower electric bills and
20 lower values.
21 Think. Please for once, it's
22 time to think long and hard. Everyone in
23 this room, for that matter, for once, put
24 people first and put profit second.
25 THE CHAIRMAN: The next

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1 speaker is Rick O'Doy.
2 ROCHELLE GERSHENOW: My name
3 is Rochelle Gershenow. That's
4 G-e-r-s-h-e-n-o-w. Thank you for allowing me
5 to speak to you about the proposed power
6 plant.
7 I'm against it. Why? Because
8 I'm a mother, a grandmother, and I live less
9 than two miles from the proposed site.
10 According to CPV, the plant
11 will produce 2.7 million tons per year of
12 toxic pollutants. They claim they will meet
13 EPA pollution standards, but the amount
14 allowed by EPA is still too high. The
15 elevation of the plant and the height of the
16 stacks mean that these toxic pollutants will
17 be borne by the wind over a ten-mile radius.
18 Will the plant be built in a
19 sparsely populated area? No. CPV plans to
20 build it in an area that contains 41 schools
21 and serving 21,000 children. And that's not
22 counting the babies, toddlers, and
23 yet-to-be-born children in the surrounding
24 communities. Why do I mention children?
25 Because children and the elderly are most

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1 susceptible to toxic emissions.
2 Most of the emissions will
3 take the form of very tiny particles called
4 "particulates." Particles of this size, when
5 inhaled, can penetrate deep into the lungs.
6 In studies quoted in Medical Daily, children
7 inhale more pollutants per pound than adults.
8 This means they are more susceptible to
9 asthma, according to CDC, one of the most
10 common serious chronic diseases of childhood,
11 one out of every ten children. A World
12 Health Organization study states that the
13 estimated cost of asthma treatment for
14 children under 18 years of age in the U.S. is
15 \$3.2 billion per year.
16 And here's another disturbing
17 fact. Autism is linked to toxic pollution.
18 In the first US-wide study published just
19 last month by the Harvard School of Public
20 Health, pregnant women exposed to a high
21 level of particulate matter have twice the
22 risk of giving birth to a child with autism.
23 The prior studies have suggested that
24 exposure to airborne environmental
25 contaminants, particularly during pregnancy

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1 and early life, may affect the risk of
2 autism.
3 We all know, or can imagine,
4 the emotional and financial costs to the
5 family of an autistic child, but what of the
6 cost to the community? The cost of educating
7 that child is anywhere from two to four times
8 as much as is to educate the average student.
9 For example, the LA Unified
10 School District spends \$6900 to school an
11 average student. They spend over 15,000 for
12 people with mild disabilities and more than
13 25,000 for a child with significant needs.
14 So why does CPV want to build
15 this plant here?
16 THE CHAIRMAN: Could you
17 please wrap it up, please?
18 RAYE HODGSON: I will. Okay.
19 THE CHAIRMAN: Because we
20 still have 20 more people. We'd really like
21 to get through tonight.
22 A VOICE: We want to hear her.
23 A VOICE: Yeah.
24 A VOICE: We want to hear her.
25 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

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1 We've got to wrap up soon. And then turn it
2 back on.
3 ROCHELLE GERSHENOW: Okay.
4 it's cheaper for them to do so because the
5 intersect of the gas and power lines. This
6 translates to more profits for CPV and its
7 investors but at what cost to our families
8 and communities?
9 Is it worth poisoning our
10 children, grandchildren, and future
11 generations, to put money in the pockets of
12 people who don't know us and don't care about
13 us?
14 Thank you.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: Rick O'Doy
16 followed by Christine.
17 RICK O'DOY: Rick O'Doy, O,
18 apostrophe, D-o-y, 6 Lolly Lane.
19 I came tonight. I think -- I
20 looked around the room, and I was at every
21 planning meeting and this kind of meeting the
22 last time around, and I figured I'd share
23 some of that. And, in many ways, the song
24 remains the same. I thought, at that time, I
25 was just a regular guy, a big thing going on

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1 So I would suggest you go back
2 to some of those meetings, some of those
3 records, look at what the water issues are.
4 I would suggest that there are clear
5 provisions, if this does go anywhere, that
6 Oxford Greens, who has been here first and
7 paying their bills, has the right to turn the
8 valve and get the water first before the --
9 before the power plant.
10 I would just suggest, you
11 know, this is -- Oxford -- it's really -- a
12 lot of people moved in. Oxford Greens does
13 not have to become Oxford Brown.
14 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
15 Christine Babina followed by
16 Nancy Clark.
17 CHRISTINE BABINA: Good
18 evening. My name is Christine Babina,
19 B-a-b-i-n-a. I reside at 106 Rolling Hills
20 Drive in Oxford.
21 And first off, I'd like to
22 thank the Connecticut Siting Council for the
23 opportunity to express my concerns with
24 regard to the proposed power plant by CPV.
25 It has been many years since I

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1 in my town, saying what's it all about. They
2 said they're building this power plant. It
3 takes energy. It takes water to cool it.
4 And it's on top of what -- I didn't even know
5 the word -- an "aquifer" which is kind of
6 like a well. And it was creative
7 engineering. It was comical, maybe.
8 But each meeting -- and they
9 were, like, every two weeks -- that power
10 company would come in and say, okay, it's so
11 many gallons at this, you know, for an hour,
12 for 24 hours, when the thing goes down. And
13 the water company would come up and say we
14 could provide this much water, and it always
15 didn't quite work out. It's, like, there's
16 not enough water to cool this thing in dry
17 times. And we've had dry times. We've had
18 to redo our wells around here.
19 So now the song is a little
20 bit different -- I don't know -- 785
21 somethings to 805, many more residents.
22 Oxford Greens wasn't here. All working off
23 of that aquifer, that well. And so what's
24 the same -- so we keep hearing things will
25 work out.

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1 stood before you when I spoke against the
2 initial power plant, at the time, proposed by
3 Calpine and GE.
4 I have been a resident of
5 Oxford since 1986, a registered nurse for 35
6 years -- I'm kind of dating myself with that
7 one -- and have raised my family here. My
8 concern has nothing to do with the fact that
9 a power plant is not allegorically in sync
10 with the description of Oxford as a quaint
11 rural town.
12 Rather, my concern lies in the
13 fact that we all need to be responsible, to
14 be responsible to the citizens of the
15 community and to be responsible to the
16 environment. With the proposed power plant
17 by CPV, we are not.
18 While it is true that a gas
19 powered plant may, in some respects, be
20 cleaner than coal, there is potential leaking
21 and venting that can cause problems. A
22 congressional research science study from
23 2013, indicated that methane's global warming
24 potential is as much as 20 if not 50 times
25 more than that of carbon dioxide. Similar

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1 concerns are cited by the Center for Climate
2 and Energy Concerns.
3 Additionally, there is a
4 wealth of literature available that indicates
5 the ill effects caused by toxins released by
6 a gas-powered plant. Our most vulnerable
7 populations, namely the very young and old,
8 which as you heard are in very close
9 proximity to this plant, are at definite risk
10 of increase in respiratory diseases.

11 Electromagnetic fields have
12 been researched and numerous cancers have
13 been associated with that as well.
14 Dr. Robert Becker, father of electromagnetic
15 field studies, corroborated these concerns.
16 I had spoken with Dr. Becker prior to the
17 initial session with the Siting Council
18 meeting back in, I think it was, 1999 or
19 2000, and he definitely indicated his
20 concerns regarding electromagnetic fields and
21 the proposed power plant. Unfortunately,
22 Dr. Becker passed away in 2008.

23 In closing, I urge the Siting
24 Council to respectfully consider all of the
25 objections -- all of the objections aired and

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1 four years ago, 20 ambulances, helicopters,
2 search and rescue crews, near -- all the
3 nearby hospitals, a hundred firefighters.
4 The -- the impact on our emergency services
5 resources for the safety of -- of our
6 community is -- is certainly detrimental.

7 How will the minimum of 30
8 month's construction traffic impound --
9 impact the town and our area?

10 From what I understand, the
11 major components of this power plant our
12 roads will not be able to handle for the size
13 and weight. Who's -- those -- tax revenue
14 we're going to get, balance that against what
15 we'll be paying for emergency services, for
16 traffic, for pollution, for -- for our road
17 maintenance and construction.

18 If the natural gas supply is
19 interrupted and the stored oil backup tank is
20 depleted, and it supposedly, according to the
21 application, between 48 and 64 hours, that
22 would necessitate oil tankers lined up on
23 Route 67 to replenish that supply. How will
24 that affect the air pollution in our
25 communities and the traffic?

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1 to vote no to the power plant.

2 Thank you for your time.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
4 Nancy --

5 NANCY CLARK: Nancy Clark.
6 THE CHAIRMAN: -- Clark
7 followed by David Forebear.

8 NANCY CLARK: Nancy Clark,
9 15-year resident of Oxford and then 15-year
10 resident of Southbury.

11 I think this plant is a good
12 idea. This is a horrible, risky and
13 unacceptable location. Most of the questions
14 I had I sent through -- to CPV and I sent to
15 Siting Council. I have not gotten answers.

16 Some of them were: In 2010
17 there was an explosion, a small explosion, in
18 Middletown at the Cheever Kleen Energy Plant,
19 similar to this plant. What that required --
20 it was a 5.0 -- 5.2 on the Richter scale,
21 similar to earthquakes we've just recently --
22 we recently experienced here in Connecticut.
23 It was felt ten miles away.

24 What provisions have been made
25 to -- for instance, at the Cheever explosion

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1 Farm preservation, Middlebury,
2 Southbury and Oxford have focused on farm
3 preservation for the past 25 years. How are
4 the insects and birds and wildlife to be
5 protected? I -- have you researched and
6 obtained any information on the pollination,
7 the effect on the bees? This -- all this
8 farmland, all this agricultural use will be
9 negatively impacted.

10 Why choose a rural and
11 suburban area when the existing phased-out
12 coal and oil plants can be retrofitted to
13 provide the energy?

14 And I heard tonight from many
15 union members, over half of whom did not give
16 their address, the town of origin. If this
17 is a union project, where will the labor be
18 drawn from?

19 The tax benefits have gone and
20 will go to the Town of Oxford, yet, the
21 particulate pollution has a three, five and
22 eight-mile radius on a calm day.

23 Okay. One more thing, those
24 balloons. I went to see the balloons today.
25 I went on-site. Those balloons are not

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1 lighted. This entire plant and the stacks
2 will be lighted 24-7 so you really didn't get
3 the impact. I would like to see lighting, a
4 lighted area, so we really know what the
5 impact will be visually.
6 Thank you.
7 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
8 David Forbeck followed by
9 James Keller.
10 ANN FORBECK: Good evening.
11 My name is Ann Forbeck. My husband has given
12 me his spot to speak, so I'm speaking instead
13 of my husband. And I thank you for your
14 concerns and -- and all the work you're doing
15 on this. And I'm reading -- I'm reading --
16 MR. ASHTON: Pull the mic in
17 front of your mouth.
18 ANN FORBECK: I'm sorry. I'm
19 reading here. Oh, it's Ann Forbeck. I live
20 at 129 Country Club Drive in Oxford. And
21 here -- I'm reading this here.
22 The Applicant has the burden
23 of proving to you that the proposed facility
24 would have a public benefit and that its
25 construction and operation at the site

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1 selected would not result in a significant
2 adverse environmental impact.
3 Well, I think we've all heard
4 from a number of speakers the adverse effect
5 that we're going to have on our -- on our
6 environment.
7 Also, I would like to question
8 Competitive Power Ventures. Why are they
9 building this? Because of the money.
10 They're making -- they're doing this -- this
11 is what their business is. They're in --
12 they built these -- these power plants to
13 make money. It's purely and simply -- no
14 altruistic reasons of providing us with
15 cheaper electricity.
16 When they made a presentation
17 at Oxford Greens, one of the questions we
18 asked -- asked their representative: Are we
19 going to see cheaper -- are we going to see a
20 decrease in our electricity bills? Are we
21 going to see cheaper electricity? Well, no.
22 Emphatic no.
23 Are we going to see it in
24 Connecticut? Are we going to get the cheaper
25 electricity that this plant is going to

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1 provide? No.
2 Well, where is this
3 electricity going to go? Oh, well, it's
4 going to go to the greater New England area
5 such as Vermont, New Hampshire,
6 Massachusetts, Maine.
7 So please tell me where is the
8 benefit for us in Oxford, in Connecticut? I
9 don't see it.
10 They are in this business
11 pure -- and why did they want to build a
12 bigger plant? Because it doesn't -- don't
13 make enough money if they build a smaller
14 plant. They'll walk away. If you don't give
15 them permission to build this bigger plant,
16 CPV, I'm telling you, will walk away because
17 they're only in it for the money, and that's
18 it. And we're going to have to pay, you
19 know, the price on our environment, our --
20 everything else it's going to affect us with.
21 I strongly object to this
22 plant and hope you will take those things to
23 consideration.
24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
25 James Kelly, it's -- and I

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1 think it's Gerald Phillips would be next.
2 JAMES KELLY: Hi. My name is
3 James Kelly. That's K-e-l-l-y. I live at
4 Brookside Stage, which is a 126 cluster homes
5 on one third of an acre, approximately, for
6 everyone. That area is relatively close to
7 everything that's going on with respect to
8 this plant.
9 And one of the things that I
10 was involved with was -- because a lot of the
11 residents, when they bought there, they
12 didn't realize, number one, that the airport
13 was even close by or there was a -- a power
14 plant coming in. There was no due diligence
15 done by Oxford to tell any of the counter
16 towns that this was going in.
17 Most of the families that live
18 there have two or more children. The -- the
19 noise from the airport, I guess, was very
20 noticeable right away when people started
21 moving in. And, at that time, I was a guest
22 on the advisory committee for the -- the
23 airport study for the noise abatement. So I
24 worked with the FAA a lot, and I was able to
25 bring some insight. I think that might be

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1 interesting -- which hopefully you're not
2 aware.
3 But there's one section --
4 there's a couple sections where some of the
5 flight plans on the north of the exit which
6 go directly over our community, and if there
7 was an accident, it would take out many
8 homes. That's for sure.
9 One of the things is, on the
10 heights area, their planes, when I spoke to
11 the FAA, they told me it's about 400 feet
12 from where the, you know, the height of the
13 aircraft to the -- to the roadside, so you're
14 talking about maybe 350 feet. The pilots
15 are -- there's no radar at all guiding any of
16 these planes in so, basically, the -- the
17 pilots can do basically whatever they want.
18 They can come in lower.
19 In my opinion -- never took a
20 laser rangefinder to find out exactly what
21 their altitude at that location -- but
22 it's -- I believe it's much less than that.
23 So with my prior understanding
24 of what was going on, it led me to think,
25 okay, what are all the issues that could --

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1 could possibly be, you know. And a lot of
2 fear, I think, a lot of concerns from
3 everybody here is that there's no area where
4 we can go to and see a safety hazard analysis
5 that was performed.
6 With the FAA, they were open
7 and discussing all the issues, brought up any
8 questions. It was all documented. We all
9 had answers, you know, like them or not like
10 them. And, you know, I was just amazed that
11 we're not -- there's nothing I could get
12 other than a few letters saying, hey, we need
13 more data.
14 So, you know, the awareness of
15 people is not full of facts. I mean, we
16 don't know because you have -- we don't have
17 a report that says any of this. You know,
18 is -- if I go over this plume, I mean, one of
19 the -- the CAA gave an analysis. I need a
20 plume analysis. And that area would allow us
21 to go through and figure out if we're going
22 to have an issue or not. There's many, many
23 issues, and that's what I'd like to see
24 documented, and I would like not to have this
25 approved until that occurs.

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1 Thank you for your time.
2 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Phillips
3 followed by a Representative O'Neill.
4 Representative O'Neill followed by --
5 GERALD PHILLIPS: Yes. Yes.
6 I'm Gerald Phillips from Southbury,
7 Connecticut, 836 Jeremy Swamp Road. And I am
8 very questionable about what's going on here.
9 To start this whole thing,
10 Mr. Obama, when he was over in China had the
11 beautiful idea to tell the Chinese don't make
12 any more pollution in 2030. But right now,
13 the United States has got to stop this. And
14 by the time 2025, we got to do 40 percent of
15 what we make right now. How the blank are we
16 supposed to do that? But that's another
17 story.
18 I'm -- I'm questioning is,
19 this water, how are you going to cool it?
20 Are you going to put it in -- in, like, a
21 nuclear reactor to plume it out? That would
22 be too bad. Are you going to put in this --
23 in the aqueduct, and is that going to kill
24 all the -- all the plant life there and cause
25 problems with the people's waters, with

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1 algae, and everything else?
2 The other questions I got is,
3 look at -- look at this pollution bit. Okay?
4 Are they going to put scrubbers and burners?
5 And even then, what's the level going to be?
6 Who's going to monitor this? Is -- is the --
7 the CBC and the -- what do you want to call
8 it -- F -- FDA and all these beautiful
9 people, are they going to come down there,
10 the town selectmen and Mr. Malloy and all
11 these beautiful people are going to look at
12 this stuff? Who's going to look at this?
13 Who's going to be responsible for this?
14 My -- my big question is -- is
15 that nobody is looking at the renewable
16 stuff. Nobody is looking at, like the one
17 gentleman said, why don't you put it in the
18 back in another plant where it's already
19 dirty, maybe, put another one there. I don't
20 know.
21 Now you want to take something
22 that's environmentally safe, destroy it, and
23 who's going to repair all this damage that's
24 done, all the trees, all the animals, all the
25 land, all the health effects? Who's going to

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1 guarantee that? Nobody's going to guarantee
2 probably nothing. They're going to walk away
3 from it, go like this, and that's it. And
4 the people are going to be holding the bag.
5 So my big question is -- I
6 have doubts on this whole project. A lot of
7 promises they say they're going to make, too
8 bad when the thing is built and all the
9 promises with the clean air and the clean
10 water and -- and the fact of -- of the -- the
11 energy that's supposed to be made which --
12 who says they're going to go up to, maybe, a
13 million and one -- a million kilowatts? What
14 the heck, they already went from 500 to
15 800 kilowatts.
16 And what about the high
17 voltage? Did everybody think about that?
18 What's the volts going to be so you cause
19 cancer around the area? Those are questions
20 somebody better think about.
21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
22 Representative O'Neill followed by Senator
23 Hartley.
24 REP. ARTHUR O'NEILL: Thank
25 you, Chairman Stein and members of the Siting

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1 Council. My name is Arthur O'Neill, and it's
2 O, apostrophe, N-e-i-l-l. I'm a State
3 Representative representing the Town of
4 Southbury, which abuts Oxford and many parts
5 of which are close enough to be part of the
6 Economic Development District that has just
7 been recently created connected to the Oxford
8 Airport.
9 The last time we had this
10 proposal or a proposal for a power plant at
11 this location, I testified against it. My
12 concerns at that time were primarily
13 environmental. They still are.
14 The first thing, of course,
15 is -- and you've heard a little bit, more
16 than a little bit of testimony -- this is a
17 power plant, and inevitably, there are going
18 to be issues regarding air pollution
19 concerns. The air pollution is still going
20 to be here. We are going to have more air
21 pollution in this area than we currently
22 have, so there is going to unquestionably a
23 degradation -- be a degradation of the air
24 quality.
25 The second thing, and perhaps

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1 the most important thing, from my perspective
2 in Southbury, is the water issue. This plant
3 is going to use, as has been repeatedly
4 mentioned, significant amounts of water.
5 That water is not going to really come from
6 the town of Oxford. It's going to be coming
7 from the Pomperaug Watershed.
8 That watershed is separate
9 from the town of Oxford, which means that any
10 water coming into the water -- from the
11 watershed to Oxford and then going into the
12 Naugatuck River is going to be lost to the
13 watershed. It means the watershed is going
14 to be depleted. That is bad for the
15 environment. It is a violation of the
16 fundamental principles of management of water
17 to move water out of one watershed and into
18 another so that it cannot be recycled into
19 the watershed system.
20 It is also bad for the
21 long-term economic concerns of -- of the town
22 of Southbury. We rely on that watershed for
23 the wells that supply water to the people who
24 live in the town of Southbury and to the
25 businesses that exist within the town of

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1 Southbury. And also, this watershed supplies
2 water for the town of Woodbury, again, an
3 area that is populated and has business
4 concerns and economic development concerns of
5 its own.
6 Finally, and this is a point
7 that I would not have made, did not make the
8 last time we testified about this, and that
9 is regarding the economic analysis that was
10 done by the folks at UConn. As a state
11 representative, I've had the opportunity, and
12 I'm sure you have as well, to read a number
13 of the reports that they have produced. I
14 have yet to see an economic analysis that
15 they've done for someone to say that the
16 project that's being proposed and that's
17 being paid for by the people doing the
18 proposing isn't going to work or it's going
19 to have no good economic outcomes. They
20 always say it's a good thing. I don't know
21 how that happens, but it does.
22 So I would urge you to use a
23 bit of skepticism in evaluating the economic
24 benefits that are called for in that report.
25 If everything -- if every job that had been

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1 created -- had been projected to be created
2 by these reports had been, we wouldn't have
3 any unemployment in the state of Connecticut
4 today.

5 Thank you.

6 SENATOR HARTLEY: Good
7 evening. My name is Joan Hartley. I am the
8 state senator from the 15th Senatorial
9 District, which is the City of Waterbury, the
10 Town of Middlebury, and the Borough of
11 Naugatuck.

12 I, first of all, want to
13 recognize your service to the State of
14 Connecticut. And the task that you have been
15 tasked to do is not a simple one. And for
16 that, I, and the citizens of the state of
17 Connecticut, are grateful.

18 I would like to, first of all,
19 associate myself with the remarks of my
20 colleague, Representative O'Neill. Time is
21 short. This is only one hearing which I'm
22 envisioning will probably go on back up in
23 New Britain. So I will only speak briefly on
24 something that, I think, perhaps, has not
25 been talked about, at least in the time that

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1 corporations, had numerous extensions, and
2 the world has changed.

3 I will just briefly refer to a
4 communication, that is October 6, '014, to
5 the -- the members from CPV, where they in --
6 contradict themselves routinely, and that is
7 they're talking about the fundamental aspects
8 of the project remain largely unchanged. The
9 project -- then they go on in the very next
10 statement to say the projects will be changed
11 due to improved technology. I think
12 technology is very fundamental in the issues
13 that you are going to deal with. So they --
14 the project remains unchanged, but yet, the
15 technology is significantly changed. That is
16 a contradiction in terms, and it goes right
17 to the fact that we ought not to be dealing
18 with a 1999 certification.

19 I will provide written
20 testimony to you as I go through the rest of
21 my points, but I do want to also quickly
22 mention that, in their own promotion, they
23 are talking about the local benefits.

24 I believe in corporate
25 citizenship. And we have a fire engine, we

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1 I've been here to hear it.
2 First of all, I, along, I
3 think, with everybody in this room, is for
4 jobs and the economic well-being of the State
5 of Connecticut. And on that note, we are all
6 in unity together. I recognize your task of
7 this Council and that is to deal with -- and
8 I've referred to what you've even shared with
9 us tonight, that is the application for power
10 plants. That is the need and the placement.
11 So I think the economic discussion is not one
12 of the primary issues as we go through this.
13 There's no question we believe in economic
14 development.

15 I -- I would like to just
16 point out the fact that we are here on a 1999
17 certification. The world, folks -- and you
18 are expert in your areas. I have looked to
19 see what the appointment processes were and
20 where you come to us from. You recognize
21 that in science and in technology that is
22 centuries ago, and therefore, we ought not to
23 be on the same certification.

24 It is a certification that
25 went through several entities and

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1 have a playscape, and there is also, though
2 it's not articulated, the mention of the
3 Oxford High School. I think that comes after
4 the siting, not before. This represents
5 undue leverage, I would put it kindly.

6 Thank you so very much.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Donald
8 Tagliatella and -- and then Brett Kuziak.

9 DONALD TAGLIALATELLA: Donald
10 Tagliatella, T-a-g-l-i-a-l-a-t-e-l-l-a. I
11 live in Middlebury.

12 According to the petitioner's
13 application, the power generated from this
14 plant will mostly, if not wholly, benefit an
15 area not even close to Oxford.

16 Secondly, and this -- this is
17 sort of to the people of the audience --
18 but there's nothing wrong with profit. I
19 mean, we all need to make profit. You know,
20 everyone needs to make profit. So I
21 understand the petitioner is, you know, they
22 need to make money too. They have people
23 that work for them. They have families. All
24 that. So there's nothing wrong with profit.
25 And, you know, we get into whole class

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1 warfare things with profits and stuff.
2 It's -- it's not the way to go.
3 But following that up, I
4 wanted to talk about the issue of jobs,
5 because we had a lot of union representatives
6 here, mostly union representatives here,
7 speaking about jobs, and interestingly
8 enough, 90 percent of them are no longer
9 here.
10 But since the -- in the last
11 six years, there have been over 21,000
12 regulations issued by the federal government,
13 just 2300 alone in 2015. That's about almost
14 500,000 pages in the Federal Register. So if
15 you all want to talk about loss of jobs, I
16 think you should start talking about, you
17 know, looking at the people and the policies
18 that you vote for. That's one thing.
19 And another thing is on -- I
20 moved up here from New Jersey. So to -- you
21 know, back in August of '06, and to follow
22 the former attorney of the Town of Oxford,
23 you know, I got away from, you know, Essex
24 County, Union County. That's all it was. It
25 was just -- it was -- it was horrible to look

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1 at. I moved up here for all -- for all these
2 reasons, to be in a more rural area. I've
3 become very much part of my community in
4 Middlebury, and the state in -- in certain
5 ways.
6 And -- and so I'm not, you
7 know, had -- would I move here if I knew
8 there was a plant coming in? I -- I would
9 absolutely not. Move my business up here?
10 No, I would not.
11 And finally, Business Insider,
12 in 2013, did an article about the nine --
13 nine things that would trash your home value.
14 And one of the -- on the top of the list, or
15 at least close to the top, was a power plant,
16 landfill, power plant and a few other things.
17 And, you know, I live within two miles of
18 this proposed power plant. And it's -- it's
19 made moving up here that much less
20 interesting, to say the least.
21 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kuziak
22 followed by Ben Martin.
23 BRETT KUZIAK: Good evening.
24 I'm Brett Kuziak. I live at 12 Bowers Hill
25 Road. I spell my last name K-u-z-i-a-k.

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1 I wholeheartedly want this
2 power plant built. There's too many
3 powerhouses being decommissioned throughout
4 all of New England. We've got to replace the
5 power.
6 The people that are
7 complaining about the pollution, they moved
8 next to an industrial park. Would it be
9 better if we built solar cells there -- at a
10 couple hundred people driving in and out of
11 there every day, trucks driving in and out of
12 there every day with parts leaving with
13 finished solar cells.
14 We've got to do what's best
15 for the state of Connecticut, hold down the
16 cost of electricity, build powerhouses, get
17 our infrastructure up so that we could be a
18 profitable state and give our kids a future.
19 Thank you.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
21 Mr. Martin.
22 BENJAMIN MARTIN: Benjamin
23 Martin, M-a-r-t-i-n.
24 I will hope you'll forgive me.
25 I'm an out-of-towner. I'm from Wallingford.

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1 And I wanted -- I -- someone before mentioned
2 that he was NIMBY. I guess I would be a
3 NIMS, because I want to say "not in my
4 state." I would even go even further to say
5 "not on my planet."
6 Because let's -- you're -- I
7 want to address one of your admissions that
8 you have stated several times tonight. It's
9 public need. And what the public needs is
10 clean air. What the public needs is clean
11 water. And what the public needs is a stable
12 climate.
13 And the Journal of Nature,
14 just this month, has published that we need
15 to keep 50 percent of the gas reserves in the
16 ground and a third of the oil reserves in the
17 ground. And so that building a new power
18 plant that is going to burn these things is
19 not something that we need.
20 The running analogy is, when
21 you're in a hole you don't keep digging, and
22 we are in a hole. We have -- we've already
23 seen a ravaged climate from Super Storm Sandy
24 and Typhoon Haiyan, and super storms that are
25 basically killing people.

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1 So as far as public need, what
2 the public needs now is renewable energy. We
3 have the technology to implement renewable
4 energy. We don't need a bridge. The natural
5 gas bridge is a bridge to nowhere. We -- we
6 have the technology now.

7 If you look at The Solutions
8 Project, the Stanford Professor, Mark
9 Davidson, has proven how every state can go a
10 hundred percent renewable energy.

11 So not only would I encourage
12 this Council to reject this plan, but I would
13 encourage you to reject every plant that is
14 running on fossil fuels and only approve
15 renewable energy in the state of Connecticut,
16 because I want Connecticut to be beautiful,
17 and I want it to be a leader in renewable
18 energy and solving the climate crisis.

19 I would also like to see
20 Connecticut be safer. We have seen
21 explosions from natural gas in Middletown, in
22 Brooklyn, in Springfield that has killed
23 people. And to my union friends, I say, it's
24 great that you're in a union. I want you to
25 have a safe job, and natural gas is not safe.

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1 There's no way it can be called clean.
2 There's no way it can be called safe. It is
3 endangering all of us with climate change and
4 pollution, and it's endangering the people
5 that work with it with explosions and death.

6 So I would finish up by saying
7 I want to thank all the beautiful people that
8 have come up here to show their power and say
9 they don't want this plant in their town, and
10 taking control of their own destiny. And I
11 hope that the Council will listen to them and
12 move us to a clean energy future that doesn't
13 include fossil fuels.

14 Thank you.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: Jeffrey -- I
16 think it's Tannovitch and -- and Jean
17 Peterson.

18 Maybe she's --
19 JEAN PETERSON: I'm here.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Go
21 ahead.

22 And then, after you, Janet
23 Brzezinski.
24 JEAN PETERSON: Hi. I'm Jean
25 Peterson and I'll just -- I'm Jean Peterson

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1 and I live on Tranquility Road in Middlebury.
2 And I appreciate all of your
3 attention to be here all day, because like
4 you, we started early looking at the balloons
5 over on Woodruff Hill. And I listened to
6 most of your testimony you were listening to
7 this afternoon, and I know it's been a long
8 day, so we appreciate it.

9 My husband and I moved to
10 Middlebury 40 years ago. We were attracted
11 by the proximity to my husband's medical
12 practice, and the ability to live in a
13 community that didn't have a lot of turnover
14 of people. It had just enough people moving
15 in, and it had wonderful recreational
16 resources, particularly Lake Quassapaug,
17 which attracts people from what I would
18 consider the region being New York,
19 Massachusetts, as well as local areas.

20 We love -- we love our outside
21 resources. When I wake up at night and I go
22 out and I look at the stars shining at me, I
23 think, what better place could there be in
24 the world? And then I think, huh, they want
25 to put in a power plant, and we're not going

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1 to have any night sky anymore, and we aren't,
2 because these stacks are going to be lit.
3 The power plant is going to be lit.

4 And many people have mentioned
5 how Middlebury will be impacted, but what we
6 haven't really heard is that Middlebury
7 doesn't get a vote on it. This -- the
8 closest houses to Middle -- to the power
9 plant are in Middlebury.

10 And following looking at the
11 balloons, I drove around trying to see the
12 five-foot balls, which aren't nearly as big
13 as the large -- I think it's
14 25-foot-diameter stacks. When I went to the
15 end of Washington Drive, which was really
16 just beyond a couple of trees there, but you
17 couldn't see it. But there are new houses
18 being built all over Washington Drive, so I
19 encourage you to come take a look at it.

20 And I encourage you to go by
21 Christian Road which had -- and look at the
22 Triangle Boulevard neighborhood, which was a
23 solid, middle-class neighborhood with
24 well-cared-for homes, families that were part
25 of the -- my children's school for years, my

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1 children's baseball coaches. When I go to
2 vote, people who check me in are from there,
3 and those people are all gone now. We've
4 sacrificed. And St. John is right. We're
5 paying a tremendous burden.
6 When I looked at the map, up
7 at the top of the hill, it showed -- it -- it
8 showed the power plant in the corner of the
9 map. It didn't show the power plant with all
10 of the Middlebury neighborhoods, with Long
11 Meadow Pond, where I see one of my friends
12 lives, which is -- she appreciates the
13 outdoor resources there.
14 This -- this place is going to
15 have a huge impact on Middlebury, and we will
16 be able to see it when you drive down Route
17 64. You'll be able to see it everywhere. So
18 I want you to think about that as you make
19 your decision. And I'll write more.
20 THE CHAIRMAN: Janet
21 Brzezinski followed by John Peterson.
22 JANET BRZEZINSKI: Good
23 evening. My name is Janet Brzezinski,
24 B-r-z-e-z-i-n-s-k-i.
25 My husband and I have lived in

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1 Southbury since 1998 within -- and we're
2 within the ten-mile radius, and we have well
3 water.
4 We chose this area for its
5 rural nature, healthy environment, and scenic
6 quality. We vote no. We are not happy with
7 the increase in size of the airport, have
8 noticed the increase of noise pollution, and
9 we are extremely unhappy about the proposed
10 Towantic Energy Center, whatever the megawatt
11 of the power plant.
12 The health, safety,
13 environmental, and aesthetic concerns well
14 outweigh any benefits. Something this
15 important and serious warranted a referendum,
16 not only in Oxford, but in the surrounding
17 towns that are impacted. Please deny this --
18 this petition. Please err on the side of
19 good health and a clean environment.
20 Thank you very much.
21 THE CHAIRMAN: Next is John
22 Peterson and Beverly Dunne.
23 JOHN PETERSON: Hi. Good
24 evening. How are you? My name is John
25 Peterson. I live on 54 Towantic Hill. We

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1 also have 58 Towantic Hill Road. That
2 property abuts directly up to the gas pumping
3 station that's there right now.
4 They're talking about putting
5 stacks in. They're talking about putting
6 them at various levels. We've been opposing
7 this from the get-go. It's been, basically,
8 a circus the way this was ramrodded through.
9 When the first vote came
10 through, Dave Robinson, he was supposed to
11 recuse himself. He had property in the
12 industrial zone. He was the deciding vote to
13 push it through. It shouldn't have gone
14 through.
15 Every time they come out with
16 a new proposed plan on what it's going to be,
17 every time we have a meeting, I try to ask
18 him: Do you have a site plan? Do you have a
19 stamped, engineered drawing? Do have a
20 business plan?
21 Every time we see these nice
22 drawing, these nice boards they have all over
23 the place, they look great. You try to nail
24 them down to it, go, I want to know exactly
25 where's the plants going to be, what's going

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1 to be here, where is this going to be, and we
2 don't get an answer. All we get is coffee,
3 soda, cookies, shows at the high school,
4 shows at Oxford Greens.
5 And it sounds like I'm making
6 a joke, but it's serious. I mean, they're
7 trying to put this thing through, and they
8 can't give us a straight plan. There's been
9 tax issues with this facility going back to
10 the beginning. They get tax amnesty. We
11 haven't even seen a contract from them.
12 Exactly what are they going to do?
13 I mean, is there a sealed
14 business plan that we can see, that you have
15 seen, that has been made public, or is this
16 just going to be something that's pops out
17 that -- hey, here we go, this is what we're
18 going to do, guys. Because they've gone
19 from -- they've added almost
20 300,000 megawatts to this building, and all
21 we do is talk about jobs.
22 How many -- how many of the
23 union people are still here? Because I think
24 that's --
25 THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, sir.

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1 JOHN PETERSON: No, I mean,
2 I'm being serious.
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Come on.
4 Address -- address the Council.
5 JOHN PETERSON: I mean -- but,
6 I mean, all they do is they -- they come up
7 and they talk about jobs and all the jobs
8 they're going to bring in. They're not here.
9 They're gone. They're -- they come here
10 because they're union guys. And I -- and I
11 feel for them if they're out of work. I've
12 been out of work.
13 And I think that there's -- we
14 could redo the mixmaster. We could do --
15 take down power plants that are existing.
16 Put up the new ones there where they're
17 existing on those sites. Why do we have to
18 go through this?
19 It's not healthy for the
20 environment. We're very concerned. We're
21 all on the wells. We can't get a straight
22 answer on the amount of water they're going
23 to be using. Is it going to be -- is it
24 going to be contaminating our wells? Are my
25 children going to be drinking contaminated

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1 water because of this power plant? Nobody
2 can give us a straight answer on anything on
3 this.
4 So all I can ask you is to
5 take this 1999 proposal, shelve it, cancel
6 it, and just have them go away, or -- or come
7 up with a real plan. That's -- that's --
8 that's my feeling.
9 Thank you.
10 THE CHAIRMAN: Beverley Dunne,
11 and then there's, I guess, Brian and Lisa
12 Logan.
13 Anthony Delucco.
14 And then there's a Ralph
15 McKinney would be next.
16 BRIAN LOGAN: Hello. My name
17 is Brian Logan. Hello. My name is Brian
18 Logan, and I am a recent resident of Oxford.
19 I moved here with my two children, a five
20 year old and a two year old. And I want to
21 say that I'm opposed to the power plant.
22 I think that we are trading,
23 maybe, money for health. I think that the
24 health concerns -- I am also on well water.
25 I think the health concerns far outweigh the

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1 money that they say will come to Oxford. I
2 don't believe any monies will come to Oxford.
3 I think that this is a plan
4 that will, throughout the generations, as
5 Raybestos did to Stratford, it will be
6 economically deficient, and it will harm
7 people that live here. It will ruin the
8 rural setting of Oxford and the surrounding
9 areas, and it will not be anything that is a
10 gem or a windfall for Oxford. I think it
11 will be the exact opposite.
12 And so I urge you to look to
13 deny this application and let them look for
14 another site. There's plenty of them in
15 Connecticut that they can rebuild a clean
16 plant where an old dirty plant existed. I
17 think there's many more options available to
18 this than putting it here in Oxford.
19 So, again, I'd like to say
20 that I'm opposed to it. Thank you for your
21 time.
22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
23 Anthony Delucco or Ralph
24 McKinney, and then Timothy Billings.
25 RALPH MCKINNEY: Hi. I'm

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1 Ralph McKinney and I live at a 8 Lake Drive
2 in Oxford.
3 And I just wanted to state my
4 opposition to this power plant for the
5 following reasons: Primarily because it's
6 going to be a hazard to the pilots at the
7 airport. You know, I don't think they --
8 they need to deal with that. They have
9 enough -- enough things to deal with; it's
10 going to drain a huge amount of potable water
11 from the Pomperaug aquifer which could result
12 in water shortages. I think that's been
13 covered previously; it will dramatically
14 increase the local level of toxic air
15 pollutants that we'll all be exposed to.
16 The -- the generation capacity
17 is currently not needed in Connecticut. And
18 it's going to increase the overall carbon
19 footprint for Connecticut, and that runs
20 counter to our commitment to reduce that
21 footprint.
22 You know, I agree with the
23 gentleman that spoke earlier that said, you
24 know, we shouldn't be approving any power
25 plants. We should be making a transition to

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1 totally renewable energy. You know, we're --
2 we're at a serious point you know, where --
3 where climate change is going to have a
4 greater and greater negative impact on -- on
5 all of us, and we need to take action.

6 And then, finally, it's going
7 to have a negative impact on local property
8 values. And, you know, there was a study
9 done in 2010, of 92 different power plants --
10 the communities around 92 different power
11 plants. And those communities suffered
12 property value decreases from 3 to 7 percent
13 within a two-mile radius. So I'm sure that's
14 going to be true for us as well.

15 All right. Thank you.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Timothy
17 Billings and Robert Normandia.

18 ROBERT NORMANDIA: Good
19 evening and thank you for the opportunity to
20 address you. I'll try and be as succinct as
21 possible.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Can you give us
23 your name?

24 ROBERT NORMANDIA: My name is
25 Robert Normandia, N-o-r-m-a-n-d-i-a, a

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1 rob banks; that's where the money is. When I
2 set up a research site, I have to go to where
3 the cancer clusters are. I have to go to
4 South Jersey. I have to go to upstate New
5 York. I have to go to Long Island.

6 I do clinical trials with
7 breast cancer, bladder cancer, prostate
8 cancer, lung cancer, all of these. And one
9 common thread, when you talk to the doctors
10 and you see these poor people, okay -- my
11 heart goes out to the people that are without
12 jobs. I've been corporately downsized
13 myself. It's devastating news. Even more
14 devastating is when you're told you have
15 cancer.

16 Okay. I've see people say --
17 the brotherhood tonight here, raise your
18 hand. Okay. I'm asking the people here that
19 are contending of battling cancer, grab the
20 person next to you and squeeze their hand and
21 say we're going to be okay. All right?

22 I have to roll out of bed and
23 go to all of these places. Don't make me
24 roll out of bed and say, honey, I'll be home
25 for lunch today, because I'm going to Straits

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1 resident of Southbury. Okay.

2 I came home from a four-day
3 business trip and dropped my suitcase. And
4 my wife said to me, come on, we're going to
5 Oxford this evening. So I'm, kind of, just
6 doing this impromptu when I heard all of
7 these people.

8 And I came up here from Queens
9 when I got married 20 years ago. And in that
10 time, I came kicking and screaming. If it
11 wasn't for the love of my wife and her
12 parents, we'd still be in Queens. Now I
13 couldn't go back there for all the tea in
14 China.

15 Where I'm going with this is
16 that I came from my business trip, which
17 is -- I'm a research physician and I set up
18 oncology trials. Okay. Worst-case scenario
19 is that we can prolong and give quality of
20 life to patients. Worst case, that's what we
21 can hope for. The best case is that they can
22 have remission.

23 I take the Willie Sutton
24 approach when I set up clinical research
25 sites. They say, Willie Sutton, why do you

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1 Turnpike and the cancer center there, because
2 we had a new bumper crop of patients that
3 we're going to be looking at. All right?

4 And a lot of these patients,
5 the one common thread is some corporation
6 came in dangling a carrot saying prosperity
7 is just amongst us. So you go to these towns
8 and you see these farms, when I go to upstate
9 New York, devastated. And you sit and you
10 talk to patients and they say, yeah, well,
11 the property value went down. We were
12 promised great things. The property value
13 went down. I couldn't get out from under
14 this house, so I had to stick it out and
15 tough it out. At first it was happenstance,
16 and then, all of a sudden, guess what? It
17 was the trend. People got cancer.

18 Second, though, okay, any of
19 you watch TV and you see the Spiriva
20 commercials with the elephant sitting on the
21 man's chest? One of the top five admission
22 reason for hospitals is chronic, obstructive
23 pulmonary disease, and that is from
24 environmental irritants, particulate matter,
25 hydrogen sulfide.

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1 I did undergraduate research,
2 and I did it with acid rain. And if you just
3 did at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and if
4 you just upped the concentration of sulfuric
5 acid just a hint, you saw plants get
6 destroyed from the root right to the buds.
7 Right to the buds.
8 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Can you
9 wrap it up and --
10 ROBERT NORMANDIA: Okay. And
11 I'm finishing up right now. But what I'm
12 saying, the devastation that you saw there is
13 irreparable because it was in the soil. It
14 just wasn't that year's crop. It was done on
15 plants that were impossible to kill.
16 And if you have the CSA people
17 here at Woodbury that are growing their
18 plants and serving the community, and you
19 have local people here in Oxford, you can
20 imagine it. And I hear \$75 million being
21 bandied around, just imagine the cost of one
22 case of cancer. That would eat \$75 million
23 up in two seconds.
24 Thank you.
25 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

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1 Mr. Billings, I guess you signed twice, so I
2 guess you really have something to say.
3 TIMOTHY BILLINGS: Yes. The
4 first time I think my daughters were going to
5 the bathroom, so I missed my name being
6 called. I apologize. So I didn't get a
7 chance to speak.
8 I'm a CPA. I started out with
9 a big-four firm, corporate multinational tax
10 preparation. The previous gentleman
11 mentioned about the University of Berkeley
12 study done in 2010. I live on 20 Lake Drive
13 in Oxford. I am probably about a
14 quarter-mile from where you want to put these
15 plants in place. I'm heavily against it.
16 Several reasons. Okay.
17 Everybody talked about tax
18 revenue. Well, I've worked for multinational
19 corporations that know how to transfer price.
20 All the taxes were paid, other than 1 percent
21 of the entire net income, in other countries,
22 especially Canada and Israel, in the instance
23 where I worked.
24 CPV has a location in Ontario.
25 I believe the government, the IRS, is trying

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1 to change the code because of Mr. Hathaway
2 orchestrating the whole Burger King to
3 transfer the headquarters over to Canada.
4 So, with that in mind, I'm not
5 going to go into all the health concerns
6 because everybody has pretty much covered
7 them. But property values will go down.
8 I've never seen, in my 14 years of paying
9 taxes, real estate taxes, have they ever gone
10 down. Not here, not in Norwalk. Property
11 values have gone down consistently 4 to -- 3
12 to 7 percent, and the -- there's been a
13 significant decrease within five years of --
14 of owner-occupied homes, which means
15 everybody rents them out and they move out of
16 town.
17 All I can leave with -- leave
18 you with is the fact that, look at Bridgeport
19 and tell me any other power plant in the
20 community around it, and how they prosper,
21 and how do they look? And is that what you
22 want to bring to our community?
23 We've got a power plant that's
24 going to supply 750,000 people. There's 5600
25 in this town. Where is the power going, and

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1 what's the need for it in this particular
2 place?
3 Thank you.
4 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Amy
5 Sarris and then Marcia Puc.
6 AMY SARRIS: Hi. My name is
7 Amy Sarris. I reside at 120 Freeman Road. I
8 was there as well today with you guys with my
9 little two year old looking at the proposed
10 site and was shocked when I saw how close the
11 planes flew over the top of those balloons
12 realizing that there was going to be plumes
13 above those.
14 I just wanted to mention -- I
15 know one of the things we're all looking at
16 is our electricity prices. I know with
17 natural gas being in a low supply and the
18 price of natural gas going up, that the
19 electricity prices are not going to be
20 dropping with this plant.
21 I also think that we should be
22 working towards the state's mandate of
23 achieving a 20 percent of renewable energy,
24 which we are nowhere near reaching. And this
25 plant would certainly not put us anywhere

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1 close to that direction.
2 I would say that Oxford is for
3 jobs and we want people to be employed, but
4 jobs can come through other things than
5 natural gas power plants.
6 And looking at CPV's website,
7 I noticed many of the projects that they have
8 listed are in their preliminary phases, as we
9 are here at this point with Towantic. The
10 two that I believe that Mr. Temple had
11 visited that are the closest to us, one is in
12 St. Charles in Maryland. That site is next
13 to a landfill and an asphalt pit. In
14 Woodbridge, New Jersey, it's built on top of
15 an abandoned chemical plant. And that is the
16 site that CPV has listed on their website of
17 where these sites are located.
18 Oxford has a pristine plot of
19 land that has not been built on, and CPV has,
20 if this plan is approved, the 800 or 700
21 whatever megawatts, it would be the one --
22 it's their highest one that they have listed
23 on their website. I just ask why we're
24 putting that in Oxford.
25 And one of the other things,

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1 just my last comment is: Building a power
2 plant is not like building a town center, a
3 grocery store or a building. CPV has stated
4 it cannot be retrofitted to serve another
5 purpose because it's not cost-effective.
6 Energy technology is changing, and I just ask
7 that you consider the health and safety of
8 Connecticut and helping to achieve the
9 mandate to have renewable energy.
10 Thank you.
11 MARCIA PUC: Good evening.
12 Thank you for having this hearing tonight so
13 we can all participate in the process. I'm
14 here to express my opposition to the proposed
15 power plant.
16 THE REPORTER: Can you state
17 your name, please.
18 MARCIA PUC: Oh, I apologize.
19 My name is Marcia Puc, 17 --
20 P-u-c, is the spelling, 17 Webb Road in
21 Naugatuck, Connecticut.
22 I'm here to express my
23 opposition to the proposed power plant. This
24 plant is wrong for our community. I am quite
25 concerned about the devastating repercussions

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1 construction of this plant would have on our
2 air quality, the water quality of the
3 Naugatuck River, and the effects on the
4 Pomperaug River watershed.
5 Decreased property values are
6 also a great concern to me. Property values
7 in Naugatuck have barely bounced back from
8 the recession, and the presence of a power
9 plant would only serve to decrease them
10 further.
11 I believe that any economic
12 benefits are exaggerated or falsely hopeful
13 and would only be harmful in the long run.
14 This is not the type of economic development
15 the Naugatuck Valley needs.
16 I believe this is a pivotal
17 moment in the environmental history of the
18 Naugatuck Valley and the state. Does
19 Connecticut want to be at the forefront of
20 clean energy, or do we want to hum along with
21 the status quo? I believe in the pledge that
22 Connecticut has taken to use 20 percent
23 renewable energy sources by the year 2020.
24 Our leaders and decision-makers should have
25 an obligation to support this goal.

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1 Naugatuck has come a long way
2 in overcoming its image as a dirty town. I
3 will continue to fight to bring great green
4 ideas to my community. I will continue to
5 rally against dirty polluters in my
6 community. I urge you to vote against
7 allowing CPV to build on this site.
8 Thank you for your time.
9 THE CHAIRMAN: And I want to
10 thank you all for taking your time today to
11 come to this hearing and for those who came
12 this afternoon also.
13 So I'm going to now -- we've
14 had, I think, over 70 speakers, so I want to
15 thank those who have come before us. We will
16 consider everybody who we've heard, plus all
17 the written material that we've received.
18 And then the Council announces that it
19 will --
20 PETER PETROCHKO: Excuse me.
21 I didn't get a chance to sign up. Can I
22 speak?
23 THE CHAIRMAN: You've had
24 three hours, sir, but all right. But I'm not
25 going to -- I'm not going on --

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1 PETER PETROCHKO: I'll be very
2 brief. I'm sorry.
3 I know you've been occupied
4 all day, and I appreciate you having this
5 hearing. My name is Peter Petrochko,
6 P-e-t-r-o-c-h-k-o, 370 Quaker Farms Road,
7 Oxford, Connecticut.
8 I am opposed to the fossil
9 fuel plant. And like some of the people
10 before me, I am opposed to fossil fuels in
11 general. Climate change is a very serious
12 issue on this planet. Whether we like it or
13 not, we all have to take it much more
14 seriously.
15 For decades and hundreds of
16 years, we've created a big mess on the
17 planet, and it's going to take maybe that
18 long to correct the situation. There's no
19 magic fix to make this thing go away.
20 The people that spoke out in
21 favor of 2020, we've got to get on the move
22 with that. You know, I'll give you a great
23 example. Germany, the Green Party. Germany
24 has a parliamentary system. The Green Party,
25 in the mid 1990s, were tasked -- they won a

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1 proportional part of the power -- so they
2 were tasked with coming up with an energy
3 system for Germany.
4 What did they do? Five or six
5 years they worked on a solar plant, and they
6 got everybody on board, all the government
7 officials on board. They got the credits
8 worked out. They got the grid thing worked
9 out. And guess what? Germany, cloudy
10 Germany, is the world leader in solar
11 technology today.
12 You know, and you look at the
13 Oxford airport. You look at the hangar
14 across the way. Guess what's going on the
15 roof of the hangars? Solar panels. Guess
16 what's on Oxford Middle school? Solar
17 panels.
18 I was at the site walk today.
19 I got there late in the afternoon,
20 four o'clock. Everybody was gone. I walked
21 the hill. Guess what? That is the absolute
22 best place in town for a solar farm. It's on
23 the highest hill in Oxford. It's all day
24 sun. It's a no-brainer. We have to start
25 taking it seriously and do things like that

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1 and get them moving fast.
2 And lastly, New York State, a
3 month ago, Governor Cuomo, you know, they had
4 a chance to do what Pennsylvania did. What
5 did they do? No, under the pressure to do
6 fracking and develop natural gas, no. They
7 share equally in the Marsalis Shale, but they
8 said, no. And we have to start saying no,
9 and we have to get moving faster off of
10 fossil fuels.
11 Thank you.
12 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We
13 will, the Council, continue the evidentiary
14 portion of the hearing, which we started this
15 afternoon, at the Siting Council's office,
16 the -- at 10 Franklin Square in New Britain,
17 on Thursday, January 29th, at 11 a.m. There
18 will probably be subsequent continuations as
19 well.
20 Copies of the transcript, as I
21 mentioned, of the hearing will be filed in
22 the Oxford and Middlebury Town Clerk's
23 Office. And again, thank you all for your
24 participation, and drive home safely.
25 (Whereupon, the above

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1 proceedings were adjourned at 9:35 p.m.)
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