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Docket No. 470B

Motion to Reopen an Application from NTE Connecticut,  
LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and  
Operation of a 550-Megawatt Duel-Fuel Combined Cycle  
Electric Generating Facility and Associated Electrical  
Interconnection Switchyard Located at 180 and 189 Lake  
Road, Killingly, Connecticut

Public Hearing held at the Killingly Town  
Hall, Killingly Town Hall Meeting Room, 172 Main  
Street, Killingly, Connecticut, Thursday, April 4,  
2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d   B e f o r e :

ROBERT SILVESTRI, The Hearing Officer

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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good evening,  
2 ladies and gentlemen. This hearing is called to  
3 order this Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6:30. My  
4 name is Robert Silvestri, member --

5 A VOICE: We can't hear you back here.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: My name is Robert  
7 Silvestri, member and presiding officer of the  
8 Connecticut Siting Council.

9 Other members of the Council are  
10 Mr. Robert Hannon, designee for Commissioner Katie  
11 Dykes of the Department of Energy and  
12 Environmental Protection; Larry Levesque, designee  
13 for Chairman John w. Betkoski, III, of the Public  
14 Utilities Regulatory Authority; Mr. Daniel P.  
15 Lynch Jr.; Mr. Michael Harder; and Mr. Edward  
16 Edelson.

17 Members of the staff are Ms. Melanie  
18 Bachman, Executive Director and Staff Attorney;  
19 Mr. Michael Perrone, siting analyst; and Ms. Lisa  
20 Fontaine, Fiscal Administrative Officer.

21 This is a continuation of a public  
22 hearing that began at three o'clock this  
23 afternoon. Copies of the hearing program and the  
24 Council's citizen guide to Siting Council  
25 procedures are available for members of the

1 public.

2 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
3 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
4 Statutes under the Uniform Administrative  
5 Procedure Act upon a motion to reopen an  
6 application from NTE Connecticut, LLC, for a  
7 certificate of environmental compatibility and  
8 public need for the construction, maintenance and  
9 operation of a 550-megawatt dual-fuel combined  
10 cycle electric generating facility and associated  
11 electrical interconnection switchyard located at  
12 180 and 189 Lake Road in Killingly, Connecticut.

13 On February 14, 2019, the Council  
14 pursuant to a request filed by NTE Connecticut,  
15 LLC, and the provisions of Connecticut General  
16 Statutes Section 4-181AB, reopened the May 11,  
17 2017, final decision that was rendered in this  
18 matter.

19 The Council's legal notice of the date  
20 and time of this hearing was published in the  
21 Norwich Bulletin on February 21, 2019. Upon this  
22 Council's request the applicant erected two signs  
23 at the proposed site so as to inform the public of  
24 the name of the applicant, the type of facility,  
25 the hearing date and location, and contact

1 information for the Council.

2 This afternoon members of the Council,  
3 staff and public personally conducted a field  
4 review of the proposed site in order to observe  
5 firsthand the potential effects of this proposal.

6 This hearing session tonight has been  
7 reserved for the public to make short statements  
8 into the record. These public statements are not  
9 subject to questions from the applicant or parties  
10 or the Council, and members of the public making  
11 statements may not ask questions of the applicant  
12 or parties, or the Council. These statements will  
13 become part of the record for Council  
14 consideration.

15 And if you haven't seen it, a sign-up  
16 sheet is available in the hall towards my right,  
17 right outside that door for those who would like  
18 to participate.

19 As a reminder to all, off-the-record  
20 communication with a member of the Council or a  
21 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of  
22 this application is prohibited by law.

23 I wish to note that the applicant or  
24 parties including their representatives and  
25 witnesses are not allowed to participate in the

1 public comment session.

2 I also wish to note for those who are  
3 here and for the benefit of your friends and  
4 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public  
5 comment session, that you or they may send written  
6 comments to the Council within 30 days of the  
7 close of the evidentiary record, and such written  
8 statements will be given the same weight as if  
9 spoken at the hearing.

10 We ask each person making a public  
11 statement in this proceeding to confine his or her  
12 statements to the subject matter before the  
13 Council and to avoid unreasonable repetition so  
14 that we may hear all of the concerns you and your  
15 neighbors may have.

16 Please be advised that the Council  
17 cannot answer questions from the public about this  
18 proposal. A verbatim transcript will be made of  
19 this hearing and deposited at the town clerks'  
20 offices in Killingly, Putnam and Pomfret for the  
21 convenience of the public. And in fairness to  
22 everyone who wishes to speak, public statements  
23 will be limited to three minutes.

24 Before I call on members of the public  
25 to make statements I request the applicant to make



1 a very brief presentation to the public describing  
2 where the facility is proposed to be located, why  
3 it is necessary and what alternatives were  
4 investigated.

5 LYNN GRESOCK: My name is Lynn Gresock.  
6 I work for Tetra Tech where I'm the lead  
7 environmental consultant for the project, and I'm  
8 going to try to be as brief as possible.

9 The project has really not changed much  
10 since the last time we were together. Probably  
11 the most significant change on this particular  
12 slide is the fact that the project is now using a  
13 Mitsubishi Model M501 JAC combustion turbine, and  
14 that will enhance the energy generation of the  
15 project by about a hundred megawatts. So the  
16 project is now nominally going to generate  
17 647 megawatts.

18 The rest of these characteristics remain  
19 the same. Gas will continue to be the primary  
20 fuel with limited ultralow sulfur distillate as a  
21 backup. The exhaust stack remains at 150 feet  
22 tall.

23 And it will be able to provide  
24 continuous baseload power, but also can start very  
25 quickly so that it can respond to the changing

1 demands of the system as, for example, more  
2 renewables are added. The water plan is very,  
3 very aggressive as well in that it uses an  
4 air-cooled condenser to reduce the water demands  
5 of the facility by over 95 percent.

6 The interconnections that are required  
7 for the facility remain the same. Electricity  
8 will interconnect via the existing Eversource  
9 345-kilovolt electric transmission lines that are  
10 adjacent to the property.

11 Natural gas will be provided via an  
12 upgraded Yankee Gas lateral in the same general  
13 location where it currently exists. And I spoke  
14 already about the fact that ultralow sulfur diesel  
15 will be brought into the site.

16 The Connecticut Water Company will  
17 provide the water and the wastewater will be  
18 treated by the Town of Killingly.

19 The location is in the same location as  
20 previous as well, just west of I-395. You can see  
21 on this graphic that the Killingly Energy Center  
22 site is on the northern side of Lake Road, and  
23 there is an additional switchyard parcel that is  
24 to the south of Lake Road.

25 Benefits of the project also remain

1 generally the same as they were, although since  
2 the original filing several agreements with the  
3 Town have been executed. The tax stabilization  
4 agreement is in place. The community  
5 environmental benefits agreement has been  
6 negotiated and is executed with the Town, and a  
7 number of jobs -- and certainly this is a large  
8 capital investment. You can see the details on  
9 the slide of each of those programs.

10 In addition the project will be  
11 purchasing wastewater services as a utility  
12 customer from Killingly as well, and the  
13 commission operation target is changed, of course.  
14 It's scheduled to come online in March of 2022.

15 All of these characteristics and  
16 benefits of the project as proposed remain the  
17 same as was previously proposed. One primary  
18 difference is that Killingly Energy Center was  
19 recently selected in the regional capacity auction  
20 for electricity. And in that way the ISO New  
21 England electrical grid manager, the independent  
22 system operator has determined that the project is  
23 needed to support the electricity needs in the  
24 region generally.

25 Very little has changed with regard to

1 the site layout. The area of development within  
2 the development footprint on the property is the  
3 same as it was previously.

4 One of the changes we've made in  
5 response to concerns we had heard from the Town is  
6 there was one area that had a retaining wall.  
7 That has been removed. And so now all of the  
8 edges have graded slopes which was recommended to  
9 us by the Town.

10 We have moved the fence that surrounds  
11 the property from the top of the slope to the  
12 bottom of the slope. The stormwater management  
13 concepts are basically exactly the same, although  
14 since the time of the original filing some of the  
15 requirements of stormwater have changed.

16 And so everything has been recalculated  
17 using the latest standards. That has resulted in  
18 a base elevation change at the site by three feet.  
19 So the finished grade of the site will be three  
20 feet higher than it was previously.

21 Because of the additional output and the  
22 additional electricity that will be generated  
23 there are some shifts within the property that  
24 were necessary. The air-cooled condenser, for  
25 example, needed to be larger because of the larger

1 capacity. Some of the equipment is just a little  
2 bit taller. Some of it is just a little bit  
3 shorter. There is a very detailed table in the  
4 environmental overview that's available for you to  
5 take a look at.

6 And basically we kept the stack height  
7 the same, but needed to shift the stack location  
8 by 35 feet and slightly pivot the equipment in  
9 order to keep all of the equipment within the same  
10 development footprint, but what that allowed us to  
11 do was to maintain the distances from the wetlands  
12 to be the same as they were, and in some  
13 instances, to be able to keep them farther away.

14 The project will continue to be among  
15 the cleanest, most efficient natural gas  
16 generation facilities, not only in the country,  
17 but in the world. The original old permit, as  
18 probably many of you know, was issued back in  
19 June 2017. A minor modification that reflects  
20 this configuration was issued by the State on  
21 December 10th in 2018.

22 And all of these, all of these  
23 characteristics even with the additional  
24 electricity output still are maintained. The  
25 project was required to demonstrate -- but it was

1 committed to the lowest emission levels. And in  
2 this configuration even lower particulate values  
3 were able to be achieved.

4 Very high design efficiencies and  
5 outputs, very efficient consumption of fuel in  
6 terms of creating electricity. And the modeling  
7 results demonstrated that the project will  
8 continue to be protective of public health, and in  
9 fact, across the board the results were lower and  
10 more protective of public health than was  
11 reflected in the original permit.

12 There are no planned water and  
13 wastewater increases, no change to the noise  
14 impacts. The facility will continue to  
15 incorporate mitigation to meet the very stringent  
16 51-decibel state and local noise standard at the  
17 property boundary.

18 The property -- the traffic volumes are  
19 not anticipated to change.

20 The project will continue to incorporate  
21 safety measures both in its construction and  
22 operation implementation, protecting its workers,  
23 the community and the environment. And no change  
24 is expected to the visibility impact for the  
25 project.

1           By keeping the stack height unchanged  
2           and adjusting the base elevation by only  
3           three feet there was very little difference in  
4           what had been previously evaluated. The facility  
5           will remain set back on the property. It will  
6           continue to be screened by existing topography and  
7           vegetation from the surroundings, and the project  
8           is continuing to maintain a 50-foot buffer of  
9           trees along Lake Road.

10           No change to the avoidance of impact to  
11           archaeological or architectural resources. The  
12           cemetery that's on the switchyard site will  
13           continue to be protected.

14           Now again, no change to the development  
15           footprint. Avoiding wetlands and streams on the  
16           generating facility site will continue. I  
17           mentioned that the retaining wall has been  
18           eliminated. And the same amount of wetland fill  
19           that was proposed on the switchyard site is still  
20           proposed. Mitigation has been developed and a  
21           general permit from the United States Army Corps  
22           of Engineers will be required.

23           We have also incorporated special  
24           protection measures for species that will be  
25           implemented throughout construction, including a

1 habitat enhancement area that will remain during  
2 the facility operation, but will be for the use of  
3 protected butterfly and moth species.

4 And the natural diversity database  
5 program concurred with all of those species  
6 measures, including the habitat enhancement in  
7 their letter that was issued in March.

8 That's a brief summary of the project,  
9 and I'll stop now and allow as much time as we can  
10 for the public.

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

12 Ladies and gentlemen, a couple of fine  
13 points. I'm going to apologize in advance if I  
14 mispronounce your name. So what I'm going to ask  
15 you to do when you do get up to the podium is  
16 please spell it for the record. That's number  
17 one.

18 Again, a reminder that we will limit  
19 public statements to three minutes. Over to my  
20 left against the wall is the stop clock. It will  
21 begin counting down from three minutes when your  
22 time has expired. A tone will sound and that will  
23 signify that your allotted time is over.

24 And again, it's in an effort to try to  
25 get everybody that we can to make a public



1 statement tonight.

2 So with that, I'd like to start with  
3 Anthony Camillucci, followed by Jen Siskind.

4 ANTHONY CAMILLUCCI: Good evening,  
5 Councilmembers. And I want to thank you for the  
6 opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Anthony  
7 Camillucci. It's spelled A-n-t-h-o-n-y  
8 C-a-m-i-l-l-u-c-c-i. I wish it was shorter, but  
9 it's not.

10 I not only represent over 2,000 plumbers  
11 and pipe fitters in the state of Connecticut, more  
12 importantly I have lived here my entire 47-year  
13 life. And I feel that this is a very viable  
14 important project for the future of energy in our  
15 area.

16 I'm sure, as many of you see in the  
17 newspapers and on TV every day, the Millstone  
18 nuclear power station is in threat of closing and  
19 they provide over 50 percent of the power to  
20 Connecticut. So the Killingly Energy Center will  
21 help segue to a cleaner, more viable energy  
22 future.

23 I don't think it's going to be done  
24 overnight, but this plant will definitely allow us  
25 to get there in the event that Millstone were to

1 close. Other than that it will provide good  
2 paying jobs for our members and I think they'll be  
3 a good neighbor, and I stand here in support  
4 tonight of this project.

5 Thank you.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Jen Siskind  
7 Followed by David Jarvis.

8 JENNIFER SISKIND: Good evening.  
9 Jennifer Siskind, S-i-s-k-i-n-d. I'm here to say  
10 that this project is not in the public interest  
11 and there is no current need for the energy  
12 produced by this proposed center.

13 ISO New England in their auction failed  
14 to take into account the offshore wind that is  
15 currently being produced and developed in federal  
16 waters. They have also not taken into account the  
17 clean energy and energy efficiency efforts that  
18 are currently underway in Southern New England.

19 It's also -- Millstone has recently  
20 engaged in a new contract to go forward for  
21 another ten years. That was just recently  
22 arranged with DEEP.

23 This project will decrease property  
24 values. It will increase greenhouse gas  
25 emissions, including unburned raw methane and

1 carbon dioxide, NOx and SOx, particulate matter,  
2 formaldehyde. It will increase ozone. It will  
3 increase asthma rates, cardiac illness, decrease  
4 lung capacity.

5 When the air is heavy, any time it is  
6 humid such as overnight in the morning when dew  
7 levels are high, when there's fog, when there's  
8 mist, when there's rain, the heaviness of the air  
9 will keep all of these emissions trapped in this  
10 area at a low level which will impact people's  
11 health in their homes. The emissions will be  
12 outdoors and also entering their homes.

13 State and federal regulations  
14 unfortunately average emission rates, and  
15 therefore do not take into account sudden surges  
16 of extremely high emissions that can come from  
17 powerplants. And those surges of emissions can  
18 impact people's health significantly for weeks on  
19 end, but their health issues are never taken into  
20 account because these surges are averaged over a  
21 24-hour and weekly period.

22 So we ask you to not approve this. We  
23 simply cannot continue producing and burning  
24 fossil fuels. There is no benefit to moving from  
25 oil or coal to natural gas, because when raw

1 methane leaks, which it will from pipelines, from  
2 compressor stations, from this facility anytime  
3 there is deliberate purging -- because they need  
4 to open the lines and go in and do maintenance.

5 Or if there are fugitive emissions, that  
6 raw methane that's leaking out, combined with the  
7 reduced carbon emissions from burning gas are just  
8 as bad if not worse for climate change. We just  
9 simply cannot continue with these projects.

10 And DEEP and the State of Connecticut  
11 need to understand that we are going to have to be  
12 paying to move 95. We are going to have to be  
13 paying to move Amtrak. We are going to have to be  
14 paying for millions of dollars of property loss as  
15 sea levels rise in coming decades.

16 Roads, infrastructure, our port systems,  
17 that is the impact of continuing to approve fossil  
18 fuel projects, and the Connecticut Siting Council  
19 needs to take those impacts along with public  
20 interests and not overlook them.

21 We just simply cannot move forward  
22 anymore. We cannot expand gas or oil, or coal.  
23 Scientists have told us this. It's clear.  
24 There's really nothing more to say, but we hope  
25 that you will take this into account.

1 Thank you very much.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: David Jarvis,  
3 followed by Jake Danis.

4 DAVID JARVIS: Greetings. My name is  
5 David Jarvis; D-a-v-i-d, J-a-r-v-i-s. Welcome  
6 back to Killingly once again. It's good to see  
7 some of the older faces and some of the newer ones  
8 tonight. So welcome back.

9 So I'm here tonight to speak in favor of  
10 this project once again. I am also one of the  
11 representatives of the local labor pool that is  
12 here. We represent over 2500 members across  
13 Connecticut.

14 But more importantly tonight, I've  
15 brought a petition of 600 members that are in  
16 support of this project. And we chose to go down  
17 this road out of respect for the process and  
18 respect for the time of the people that are here  
19 tonight.

20 So instead of continuing to go over all  
21 the facts and figures of the 450 unionized jobs,  
22 or the 115 million-dollar tax income to the Town,  
23 you'll hear those numbers over and over again.  
24 But I'd like to talk tonight about that this  
25 project, in my opinion, strikes an even balance



1 carpenters and our friends in the community, and I  
2 look forward to continuing to partner with NTE  
3 Killingly and the rest of the community moving  
4 forward.

5 So thank you for your time. Enjoy  
6 Killingly.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Jake Danis  
8 followed by, I believe, it's Ted Grabowski.

9 JAKE DANIS: My name is Jake Danis;  
10 J-a-k-e, D-a-n-i-s. Just briefly I'm -- I'm  
11 sorry. I'm a member of Local 15 Ironworkers out  
12 of Hartford, Connecticut. I've been a Killingly  
13 resident my whole life, born and raised here,  
14 Wright Road, in favor of this project and the work  
15 opportunity it provides for the area.

16 And that's all. Thank you very much.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ted Grabowski,  
18 followed by Ben Martin.

19 TED GRABOWSKI: My name is Ted  
20 Grabowski, G-r-a-b-o-w-s-k-i. I'm here on behalf  
21 of the Connecticut Laborers District Council. We  
22 represent 6,000 construction workers, union  
23 construction workers throughout the state of  
24 Connecticut.

25 We're here to speak in favor of the

1 Killingly Energy Center. I myself personally  
2 believe that natural gas is the bridge fuel to get  
3 us to the point where renewable energy 30 years  
4 down the road might take over at that point, but I  
5 believe natural gas is a bridge fuel right now.

6 This is good paying jobs for people from  
7 Northeast Connecticut. For years many of our  
8 members have had to travel 20, 30, 40, 50 miles to  
9 their jobs. It's been a long time since a job  
10 this size has taken place in Eastern Connecticut.  
11 It brings good union paying jobs to this area.

12 We have a PLA we're working on. It's  
13 going to put residents to work in the area. It's  
14 going to provide extra income for the Town of  
15 Killingly, and I'm here to speak in favor of it.

16 And thank you very much, Siting Council,  
17 for being here tonight. Thank you.

18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ben Martin  
19 followed by Michael Pierce.

20 BEN MARTIN: My name is Ben Martin;  
21 B-e-n, M-a-r-t-i-n. I represent 350 Connecticut,  
22 an organization that represents all of Connecticut  
23 and it's trying to move the State beyond fossil  
24 fuels.

25 And we are here tonight against the



1 permit for this plant because gas cannot be  
2 described as clean in any sense of the word. It  
3 is basically pulled out of the ground through a  
4 system that pollutes water systems.

5 Where it comes out it poisons people  
6 along the routes of the pipelines where there is  
7 known leakage up to 25 percent of gas. It had  
8 killed nine people in Connecticut, and that was at  
9 a gas plant that was supposed to be experts in  
10 knowing what it's doing.

11 There is no environmental benefit to  
12 this plant. There is no community benefit to this  
13 plant. The agreements for tax stabilization means  
14 that they are avoiding the proper taxes they are  
15 supposed to pay that all the other businesses pay.

16 This plant is not good for workers  
17 because it could get them killed. Renewable  
18 energy provides more jobs, safer jobs, better jobs  
19 for people and I hope these people can get jobs in  
20 the renewable energy sector, because it is much  
21 better for the State and much better for the  
22 community, and much better for the people that  
23 work there.

24 This plant would basically dump more  
25 pollution into the community, in a community that

1 doesn't need any more pollution. When considering  
2 this permit you need to consider all the other  
3 powerplants that are within a hundred miles of  
4 this plant because all that pollution is coming  
5 into this community as well as what would be  
6 coming from this plant.

7           And they talk about the diesel backup.  
8 That is more polluting. And upgrading a pipeline  
9 is more pollution and more leaks, and more raw  
10 methane going into the air. Basically the  
11 \$7 million that they are talking about is a bribe.  
12 It's a bribe to the community so they will put up  
13 with a powerplant that is going to harm them.

14           And you need to reject that bribe and  
15 protect the community. It was mentioned by the  
16 powerplant that they, ISO New England said this is  
17 needed. And as my colleague previously mentioned,  
18 ISO New England overestimates the need for power  
19 because they are not talking about energy  
20 efficiency, which Connecticut has done really well  
21 at -- because of union jobs that have improved  
22 peoples houses and improved businesses'  
23 efficiencies.

24           So we don't need as much electricity as  
25 we used to, to do the same things that we were

1 doing. And that was union jobs that did that, and  
2 I appreciate that work and I hope more people get  
3 into it.

4 And they're not considering the offshore  
5 wind which is coming online as well as all the  
6 solarization that's being done, and things that  
7 can provide power for people with no bad effects,  
8 no pollution, no noise, no need for mitigation and  
9 no need for hazard pay.

10 Natural gas is not clean. Renewable  
11 energy has no emissions. It's safer. And they  
12 talked about saving butterflies and moths by  
13 keeping part of the plant, while not mentioning  
14 that fossil fuels are causing the sixth mass  
15 extinction of animals on the planet, which will  
16 kill a lot of butterflies and moths.

17 So it's great that you have a butterfly  
18 bush there, but if there are no butterfly  
19 bushes -- if there are no butterflies to fly to  
20 your bush then I don't see the use of it.

21 So sticking to your, I guess, mission of  
22 need, we don't need more electricity in  
23 Connecticut. We have what we need. Even if  
24 Millstone were to go offline, we can provide power  
25 to everyone for every minute of the day without

1           having more gas plants. We have a governor who  
2           says this. So I don't see why his administration  
3           would be approving of a powerplant.

4                     And there's no community benefit to  
5           this. Basically they are trying to push this into  
6           a community that they're going to harm, and  
7           they're going to make more money than they pay you  
8           guys to basically push their pollution onto you,  
9           and keep all the profit.

10                    So I hope that you will recognize that  
11           there is no need for this powerplant. There's no  
12           environmental benefit, and we should be building  
13           power that doesn't need mitigation. And I hope  
14           you will consider that when looking at this  
15           permit.

16                    Thank you.

17                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Michael Pierce.

18                    MICHAEL PIERCE: My name is Mike Pierce,  
19           P-i-e-r-c-e. I'm with the Boilermakers Local 237  
20           out of East Hartford, Connecticut.

21                    I'm in favor of this project, not just  
22           for the jobs, but because the energy is needed.  
23           Everybody is talking about wind power and stuff  
24           like that, and at this point it's not able to keep  
25           the energy stored yet. The battery technology is

1 not there yet. So I believe that this plant and  
2 more gas plants like this will hold us until we  
3 can do that.

4 We talk about wind power, but a  
5 2-megawatt wind power windmill is made up of  
6 260 tons of steel, requires 300 tons of iron ore,  
7 170 tons of coke coal, all mined, all transported  
8 produced by hydrocarbons. A windmill could spin  
9 until it falls apart and never generate enough  
10 electricity as was invested in building it in the  
11 first place. And I'm for this project.

12 Thank you.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Next we have Teddy  
14 Amipetz [phonetic] followed by Cheryl Champ.

15 Okay. We have Cheryl here.

16 CHERYL K. CHAMP: Good evening,  
17 everybody. My name is Cheryl Kopelner Champ. I'm  
18 from Pomfret, Connecticut and I'm here  
19 representing Quiet Corner Shouts.

20 Today we come together as citizens of  
21 the world because it is necessary that we work  
22 together. Truly we don't need another powerplant.  
23 Creating a need because of excess fracked gas is  
24 not in the best interests of everyone.

25 Those of us who have taken on

1 responsibilities of making decisions of long-term  
2 consequences need to consider the outcomes down  
3 the road. Because of this we need leaders who  
4 will make a healthy decision that affects all who  
5 inhabit our planet.

6 And we will decide we do not need  
7 another powerplant as its safety for a clean and  
8 healthy environment has not been proven, which  
9 makes it a dangerous risk for air quality, water  
10 quality and land quality, and for people who have  
11 to breathe this air which will be contaminated  
12 with particulate matter.

13 I'm a retired nurse of 40 years working  
14 in a profession and have taken care of so many  
15 people with respiratory illnesses and emergencies  
16 such as COPD and asthma, especially children and  
17 the elderly.

18 I ask you to please study the data.  
19 Search your hearts and make a decision that you  
20 would make if this was going to be put up in your  
21 backyard. This part of Connecticut, the Quiet  
22 Corner may seem on paper to be economically  
23 depressed, but let me tell you this is one of the  
24 most wonderful places I have ever lived in my  
25 entire life.

1                   And I've lived out in Chicago, grew up  
2                   in New York for a little bit before coming to  
3                   Connecticut, and I even did have a small stint in  
4                   New Britain -- which was lovely. I went to  
5                   Stanley Home School and learned to swim at the  
6                   pond at the park right down near the school.

7                   So I have wonderful memories, but I ask  
8                   you to please reconsider if you are in favor of  
9                   this plant. And those of you that are looking for  
10                  jobs, I really do wish you well in finding jobs in  
11                  clean energy and all. That would give you and  
12                  your family a good quality of life.

13                  Thank you.

14                  THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm going to  
15                  struggle on this last name. I think it's John  
16                  Nimmons. Thank you, and followed by Claudia  
17                  Allen.

18                  JOHN NIMMONS: It's John Nimmons,  
19                  N-i-m-m-o-n-s. I'm with the Union Sheet Metal  
20                  Workers out of Rocky Hill, Connecticut. I covered  
21                  this part of the state for the last 11 years.

22                  I'll talk about the part, like at  
23                  Killingly High School when you had the community  
24                  benefits there, where you had local people that  
25                  got started in the apprenticeship programs and

1 started a career. That's me.

2 I'm a kid from New Britain who was tech  
3 schooled 26 years ago. Here I am today, still  
4 going from job to job. And these are some of the  
5 opportunities that you can give to the surrounding  
6 communities also, these PLAs with these jobs that  
7 get people started.

8 So I do stand in support of it, and  
9 that's one part of it that hasn't been touched on  
10 yet tonight.

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Claudia Allen  
12 followed by Carole Blodgett.

13 CLAUDIA ALLEN: Good evening. Claudia  
14 Allen; C-l-a-u-d-i-a, A-l-l-e-n. I live in  
15 Thompson which is about 10 miles north of here,  
16 but the first 41 years of my life I lived in  
17 Killingly. I have friends and family who still  
18 live here.

19 And I have to say around this plant what  
20 keeps me awake nights is a special concern I have  
21 about the several thousand gallon ammonia tank  
22 that apparently needs to be on the site of this  
23 proposed facility.

24 It would be located near a population of  
25 approximately 1400 people, not far from the



1 Killingly intermediate school, the Goodyear  
2 Kindergarten and Alexander's Lake. If an  
3 industrial accident were to cause ignition of the  
4 ammonia, hundreds of deaths could result. Also as  
5 this chemical is used the tank will need to be  
6 replenished involving truck transport, which to my  
7 way thinking also increases the possibility of  
8 incident.

9 The company profiting from this facility  
10 is based in Florida and the principals who will be  
11 making money on this will not be the people  
12 bearing these risks. We do not need this power  
13 here and it is wrong to use Killingly's land and  
14 destroy this pristine area.

15 Economic development, from what I  
16 understand, is not the focus or the function of  
17 the Siting Council. And I ask that you would  
18 refuse this application, please?

19 And I also have to say my dad was a tool  
20 and die maker, a machinist, a hard-working man. I  
21 mean, I hear these people talk about their jobs.  
22 I have so much respect for them, and it breaks my  
23 heart to see the way we are split so that we're  
24 supposed to be against those people. Well, I'm  
25 not against those people.

1           If this were a solar facility or a wind  
2 farm, or a water-based renewable energy thing I  
3 would be here strongly in favor of it, but this is  
4 not good for our people and I ask you to refuse  
5 it.

6           Thank you.

7           THE HEARING OFFICER: Carole Blodgett,  
8 followed by Brandon -- and I think it's Comtois.

9           CAROLE BLODGETT: Thank you for the  
10 opportunity to allow us to come and speak. My  
11 name is Carole Blodgett; C-a-r-o-l-e,  
12 B-l-o-d-g-e-t-t. I was raised in Killingly. I  
13 live in Danielson. I have traveled a lot, but  
14 home is home, and this is home.

15           And as a grandmother of two -- I mean, a  
16 grandmother of four and a mother of two I come to  
17 speak to you about their future and the future of  
18 our grandchildren, and the future of these young  
19 people, because this isn't about energy as much as  
20 it is about the future that we need to provide for  
21 them.

22           I know what that lake looked like when I  
23 was a teenager, and I know what that lake looked  
24 like 40 years ago when my children were living  
25 there. And I know what it is now, and I don't

1 want to pass that to my great grandchildren.

2 We have, not just rights, you know, in a  
3 country where it's my right to do this, it's my  
4 right to do that. We're a country of  
5 responsibilities. And I ask you to really think  
6 about the responsibility that you have to all the  
7 people that live in this area, and not just the  
8 human beings.

9 Every thing that lives on this planet  
10 supports our life. If we don't have them we don't  
11 have us. We're in a mass extinction event here  
12 and we have to make changes. They won't be easy,  
13 but we all have to accept our responsibilities to  
14 take care of the things that take care of us.

15 The water doesn't have a voice. The  
16 land doesn't have a voice. The air doesn't have a  
17 voice. All these animals and plants don't have a  
18 voice. And so I want speak for them, because I  
19 don't live without them. All my food comes from  
20 there, and this Last Green Valley is the most  
21 beautiful place and it calls to my heart like no  
22 other.

23 But I walked the Quinebaug River from  
24 source to sea -- I mean, from source to the Thames  
25 and in that 72 miles there's 18 dams. And if you

1 want this Last Green Valley to be the last green  
2 valley we have to take care of it.

3 And so I ask you to please dig deep into  
4 your hearts and listen with your heart, not just  
5 your mind. Mind is information, but our heart  
6 doesn't lie to us. And consider everyone here,  
7 especially these young ones.

8 I'm 69. I'm not going to be here  
9 forever, but it's my responsibility to see that  
10 they have a future.

11 Thank you for listening.

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: Brandon.

13 BRANDON COMTOIS: Hi. My name is  
14 Brandon Comtois. It's B-r-a-n-d-o-n,  
15 C-o-m-t-o-i-s.

16 I'm an apprentice pipe fitter for the  
17 Local 777 out of Meriden, Connecticut. And I'm a  
18 resident of this town. I've lived here my whole  
19 life and I'm in support for this project.

20 Thank you.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: Jonah Stiger  
22 followed by Todd Dexter.

23 JONAH STIGER: Hi. J-o-n-a-h,  
24 S-t-i-g-e-r. I'm a member of Local 237, the  
25 boilermakers.

1           With this gas plant they can shut down  
2 coal boilers, and I have a little child at home  
3 and I'd rather see the coal boilers get shut down  
4 than these gas plants going up.

5           I've been doing the trade for ten years.  
6 My father was a boilermaker for 30 years. It's  
7 how people make a living. And as far as the men  
8 who died in Middletown, they shouldn't be talked  
9 about. They died going to work to feed their  
10 family and put a roof over their family's heads,  
11 so that shouldn't be discussed at these kinds of  
12 meetings.

13           I'm in favor of this plant. Thank you.

14           THE HEARING OFFICER: Todd Dexter  
15 followed by Carl Bennett.

16           TODD DEXTER: Todd Dexter; T-o-d-d,  
17 D-e-x-t-e-r. I was born in Killingly. I've lived  
18 in Killingly from 1961 until 1998, and moved about  
19 a quarter-mile outside the town line to Sterling.

20           I went to the Killingly schools. Went  
21 to Ellis Tech, graduated in 1979. I became a  
22 union bricklayer and worked in the field until  
23 1998. I became a business agent and I've been a  
24 business agent ever since.

25           I've seen a lot of developers come and

1 go in my time from casinos to proposed racetracks,  
2 and movie studios, and you name it. And just to  
3 be brief, the other day I -- yesterday, actually I  
4 had the pleasure of spending a few hours with this  
5 developer at Ellis Tech.

6 And Ellis Tech is close to my heart.  
7 Not only did I graduate from Ellis Tech, but when  
8 I became a business agent I recruit very heavily  
9 from that trade school.

10 Just to give you an example, when Grasso  
11 Tech was built this past summer, out of the 35  
12 bricklayers on that job 14 were Ellis Tech  
13 graduates, 3 were active apprentices.

14 Killingly is a unique town. With the  
15 trade school being a major part of it,  
16 construction projects up this way are very  
17 important to the population. And in our meeting  
18 yesterday I saw a genuine -- a genuine caring for  
19 that dynamic by this developer, and it looks as  
20 though if this project is passed they're going to  
21 utilize the internship program that that tech  
22 school incorporates and uses.

23 So I have a very good feeling about this  
24 group and I can't stress enough how important a  
25 large project like this is for this area,

1 specifically because of the connection to the  
2 trades.

3 So I am in favor of the project, and the  
4 1600 members I represent would love an opportunity  
5 not to travel an hour and a half to two hours each  
6 way to work.

7 Thank you.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Carl Bennett  
9 followed by Joseph Toner.

10 CARL BENNETT: Carl Bennett; C-a-r-l,  
11 B-e-n-n-e-t-t. I live on Mason Hill, Killingly,  
12 for ten years now. I've got three kids. I  
13 haven't worked in Connecticut in about five years.  
14 I've worked in five different states, not this  
15 one. I leave my three kids at home all week, stay  
16 in a hotel. And it would be nice to see a job  
17 come to this town.

18 I've never seen a job this big in the  
19 area and it would be great to work on something  
20 like that, and that's all I have to say.

21 Thanks for listening.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Joseph Toner.

23 JOSEPH TONER: Joseph Toner, the last  
24 name is T-o-n-e-r, and I am the President of the  
25 Greater Hartford/New Britain Building Trades

1 Council. I represent over 10,000 unionized  
2 construction workers, and I'd like to start off by  
3 commenting on a remark that Ms. Claudia made.

4 And I honestly think we respect one  
5 another and we respect the process. So we do  
6 respect her. A lot of times we work together, and  
7 out of all the unionized construction workers that  
8 are here tonight we have a lot of respect for your  
9 group. I just want to start off by saying that.

10 So I don't want it to be that we're  
11 pitted against each other, but unfortunately for  
12 us every job we go to we work ourselves out of a  
13 job. Right? So that's the downside of being in  
14 the construction industry.

15 I also have a petition signed tonight in  
16 lieu of bringing everyone here. As I stated  
17 earlier, I represent over 10,000 unionized  
18 construction workers. I have over 1600 petitions  
19 signed and I'd like to forward them to the Chair,  
20 please?

21 I just want to -- obviously, you know,  
22 our interests are the jobs here. One of the  
23 things that was brought up earlier by Mr. Dexter  
24 was the program at Ellis Tech. And I think that  
25 that's very important, to have a developer come



1           into this area and be willing to take people right  
2           out of high school and work them through, in their  
3           project through the building trades -- is a huge,  
4           huge, huge bonus for this area.

5                         Not only -- it's not a job for  
6           them anymore. You have to remember once they come  
7           with us it's a career. We train them for free.  
8           We put them on jobs for free, and I know the  
9           community here and the people that are opposed to  
10          us tonight are in favor of good-paying union jobs,  
11          are in favor of good health benefits, are in favor  
12          of a pension plan and a safe job site, and  
13          recycling the money here in the state of  
14          Connecticut. And I think that's what's going to  
15          happen.

16                        Not only is it going to happen for the  
17          folks that we represent that live around the state  
18          of Connecticut, but it's going to be a huge, huge  
19          advantage for the folks that live up here in  
20          Killingly itself.

21                        When you get onto the economic  
22          development piece of this project -- we had a  
23          Lowe's distribution center up here about eight,  
24          nine years ago. It was a complete disaster for  
25          the folks that live up in this area. I think the

1 State of Connecticut only gave Lowe's 50 million  
2 to come up here to construct a warehouse that pays  
3 part-time minimum-wage jobs.

4 And so Lowe's happened to bring all  
5 their nonunion contractors from down south who  
6 paid less than minimum wage. Those are  
7 developments in the building trades that we're  
8 used to fighting against to keep our people in  
9 Connecticut working at a fair wage.

10 This development here, it's the complete  
11 opposite. Very rarely do you see a developer come  
12 in and offer what they're offering here to this  
13 community.

14 As everyone knows -- and everyone has  
15 been around a little bit I can assume. A lot of  
16 us have gray hair. Most of the people that come  
17 into the state of Connecticut are looking for a  
18 tax break or some type of incentive to come in  
19 here for low-paying jobs. This is not happening  
20 here.

21 NTE sat down with the building  
22 trades right off the bat. We had a project labor  
23 agreement, which I saw is going to include area  
24 residents and good paying jobs, which is huge.  
25 The public infrastructure part of it is over

1           \$7 million in upgrades and expansions. You don't  
2           see that anywhere else in the state of Connecticut  
3           in any developments.

4                         We talked about the energy being  
5           cleaner. I think with the federal guidelines with  
6           the coal plants, to have a gas plant the energy is  
7           going to be cleaner and this project is going to  
8           be a huge success for everybody, in my estimation.

9                         It's going to be cleaner energy. The  
10          jobs are going to be incredible, and the youth  
11          from this area are going to be able to get into  
12          construction careers, not jobs, which is very  
13          important.

14                        I'd also like to thank the Town and  
15          community, the Town of Killingly and this  
16          community. They've been very supportive of  
17          organized labor and the building trades. We did  
18          Killingly High School under a project labor  
19          agreement. They've been very, very nice to us for  
20          the last three years we've been up here.

21                        We do respect the people that are here  
22          tonight that are on the other side of us, like I  
23          said earlier. We wish you luck. I know we seem  
24          to run parallel on a lot of issues, and our  
25          support for you in other areas will continue.

1           Tonight we're here to make sure we can  
2 put over 600 unionized construction workers at a  
3 better way of producing energy, and a cleaner way  
4 of producing energy for this area.

5           Thank you.

6           THE HEARING OFFICER: Richard Lamarre,  
7 if I stated that correctly, followed by Anna  
8 Gallant.

9           RICHARD LAMARRE: Hi. I'm Richard  
10 Lamarre, Local 1, Hartford Bricklayers and Allied  
11 Craftsman. I support the project. I think it  
12 would be good for the area and good for the  
13 people.

14          Thank you.

15          THE HEARING OFFICER: Anna Gallant  
16 followed by Earl McWilliams.

17          ANNA GALLANT: It's Anna, A-n-n-a;  
18 Gallant, G-a-l-l-a-n-t.

19          I'm not for this project, but I'm going  
20 to speak from my heart. At this time last year I  
21 was diagnosed with fourth stage cancer, stage four  
22 cancer. I was told I didn't have much time to  
23 live.

24          I have lived in Killingly for 20-plus  
25 years, and all of the sudden I had cancer. I was

1 a very active teacher, coach, very involved in my  
2 community of Killingly and Danielson. And to be  
3 told that all of the sudden my life was going to  
4 end, I wasn't ready for it.

5 I did a lot of research and I've  
6 discovered that Northeastern Connecticut has the  
7 biggest number of cases of cancer in the state of  
8 Connecticut. I also found out that a number of  
9 asthmatic children in the State of Connecticut --  
10 is found in Northeastern Connecticut.

11 After doing a lot of research, and  
12 Channel 8 from New Haven was doing a special on  
13 cancer and asthma, and they said that this area,  
14 this area of the Quiet Corner was unfortunately  
15 one of the highest that they've ever seen.

16 We don't know why, but I only realize  
17 that if we do another powerplant -- and the  
18 emissions from it is not going to help. Killingly  
19 Intermediate School is right around the corner. A  
20 lot of those kids -- there's 800 kids in that  
21 school. There's a lot of kids that have asthma  
22 already.

23 I'm afraid to say this, but I think  
24 there will be more cases if we put another  
25 powerplant in. I can't blame the guys for

1 standing up here and wanting to get a job. I know  
2 what it was like. I was a teacher and trying to  
3 get hired. It's not easy.

4 And I feel bad for them, but you also  
5 have to understand that this is my community as  
6 well and I don't know how much longer I have to  
7 live. I've had a good life. I'm 69 years old. I  
8 would like to see at least 80 -- I'm hoping to see  
9 80. It may not happen.

10 But I'm just going to say this. By  
11 putting in a powerplant that I don't think we  
12 actually need right now is detrimental to my  
13 health and the health of the upcoming generation  
14 of kids, and I hope you take that into  
15 consideration.

16 Thank you for letting me speak.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Earl McWilliams  
18 followed by Matt Sheldon, please.

19 EARL McWILLIAMS: Hi. My name is Earl  
20 McWilliams. It's M-c-W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s. And I join  
21 many of my neighbors here tonight in strongly  
22 opposing this plant. It's wonderful to have you  
23 out here, however.

24 Why are we here tonight? We have been  
25 told that this powerplant is a done deal. We're

1 told that it will be safe enough for those of us  
2 who live beneath the 150-foot stack in the  
3 significant impact zone. We are told that while  
4 it is an inefficient fossil fuel polluter, the  
5 plant will be the bridge to the future of less  
6 polluting renewable sources such as hydro, wind  
7 and solar.

8 We are told that it is a good business  
9 decision for NTE and its investors, that we local  
10 folks have to sacrifice what we need, clean  
11 breathable air for the I-want of NTE. It is as if  
12 NTE were a free agent and that our backyard is  
13 just a playground for their interests.

14 Ours has become a society that allows  
15 the raping of the land for corporate profit. The  
16 natural gas industry across this country is a  
17 spectacular example.

18 From Kansas to Connecticut the concerns  
19 of local people often living in economically  
20 distressed communities must submit to the power  
21 and the money of an industry that cares only about  
22 its profits. Earthquakes in the Midwest caused by  
23 fracking must be endured for corporate profits.  
24 The rickety 50-year-old pipelines must continue to  
25 carry the product for thousands of miles despite

1 numerous ongoing unpublicized explosions, and the  
2 dangerous spewing of methane gas all along the  
3 route.

4 The plants at the end of the system may  
5 only turn 60 percent of the product into energy,  
6 the remainder polluting the air and hastening the  
7 change in the climate that even we're now  
8 experiencing, but there is money to be made.

9 So why are we here? The deck is clearly  
10 stacked against us. Why do we persist in our  
11 opposition?

12 The great naturalist of a century ago  
13 John Muir said it best, that constant vigilance is  
14 the price we must pay to protect the beauty of  
15 this land. In his recent frightening book, *The*  
16 *Uninhabitable Earth*, the author David  
17 Wallace-Wells gives us another crucial reason to  
18 be here tonight protesting this monstrous  
19 imposition on our land and our lives.

20 Many of us are serious about recycling  
21 and about limiting our carbon footprint in order  
22 to forestall the harrowing future that otherwise  
23 awaits us and our children. Sadly in point of  
24 fact, whatever we do as individuals barely dents  
25 the global problems we face. The author contends



1 that it's only by taking on these issues in the  
2 public sphere that we can have an impact.

3 It is by our votes, our pressure on  
4 legislators and by attending meetings like this  
5 one here tonight that we can really make a  
6 difference. That's why we're here. That's why we  
7 are fighting so hard, because in this hour and in  
8 this place we have a rare opportunity to help save  
9 our town and the planet in a material way that  
10 will make the difference.

11 I've got a little bit of time, so I want  
12 to make a point. And this is a point that Lynn  
13 had made. That stack that's 150 feet tall, EPA --  
14 it's an old, old ruling that says that the stack  
15 is supposed to be two and a half times taller than  
16 the other tallest building on the site. The other  
17 tallest building Linda told us at our last meeting  
18 was 110 feet tall.

19 You do the math. That stack should be  
20 275 feet tall, not 150 feet -- to avoid what's  
21 called blowdowns, where on windy days all the  
22 pollutants that are coming out of the stack are  
23 blown down, and a vortex is created by the other  
24 tall buildings. And that's the stuff that we in  
25 the significant impact zone are going to be having

1 to breathe.

2 I urge you not to support this plant,  
3 and I thank you for your time and for coming out  
4 here.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Matt Sheldon  
6 followed by Pat Boyd, please?

7 MATT SHELDON: Hello. Last name is  
8 spelled S-h-e-l-d-o-n. Good evening, everyone. I  
9 am an electrician for Local 35. I grew up in this  
10 town. I've lived in the surrounding area my whole  
11 life. I am a graduate from Ellis Tech and I was a  
12 first-year apprentice on the Killingly High School  
13 job.

14 Why I'm in support of this project? I  
15 would also like to bring up a point as to why it  
16 is needed. In my lifetime we've seen probably the  
17 biggest --

18 A VOICE: Bring the mic closer.

19 MATT SHELDON: Sorry -- the biggest  
20 increase in the use of electronics and how they  
21 are made. Growing up everyone had one wall phone.  
22 You had one TV, one speaker system that maybe  
23 covered a whole wall in one of your rooms. And  
24 now in everyone's kitchen you have a KitchenAid, a  
25 cellphone charger, a microwave, a refrigerator and

1 all these things take power.

2 The point that I'm trying to make is  
3 that while things have gotten more efficient over  
4 time, we also have more of them now because even  
5 in places like this we have two projectors,  
6 whereas 20 years ago we probably had none, or you  
7 had one rolling out into the center of the room.

8 In your classrooms you have a TV in  
9 every room, where again as growing up there was  
10 one little boob tube kind of strolled across the  
11 floor with the VCR. And now they all have  
12 projectors. You have special controls for all  
13 your lighting, and with that power increase comes  
14 the increased need for a facility like this.

15 And I thank you for your time.

16 Appreciate it.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Pat Boyd followed  
18 by Michael Curran.

19 REP. PATRICK S. BOYD: Good evening,  
20 ladies and gentlemen of the Siting Council. My  
21 name is Pat Boyd. I'm a Pomfret resident and I'm  
22 also a member of the Connecticut House of  
23 Representatives representing the towns of  
24 Woodstock, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Eastford and Union,  
25 and I also currently serve as an assistant

1 majority leader.

2 I'm here tonight in opposition to the  
3 plan and I just want to say first that -- and I  
4 appreciate kind of both sides of this argument  
5 saying that, you know, it's not personal.  
6 Connecticut has some of the best tradespeople and  
7 skilled workforce of any other state in New  
8 England, and we collectively need to find a way to  
9 put people to work close to this.

10 But you know, your job as a Siting  
11 Council, as you know is, you know, to be above  
12 politics, to be above economic development  
13 interests, and most importantly to be above  
14 popularity, and for that and your rulings we have  
15 great respect.

16 You know, two years ago we felt that you  
17 made the right decision, and it's not because of  
18 just putting a plant, but as it was said before,  
19 if you start looking around the region, the number  
20 of powergenerating plants in the area is high.

21 And you know, it saddens me to some  
22 extent that Northeastern Connecticut for all of  
23 its beauty and splendor -- it seems to be the only  
24 type of business we can attract, is power  
25 generation. And for me this isn't about this

1 plant and saying, you know, we don't want this  
2 plant. It's about having yet another powerplant  
3 in a very tight region, and all those things.

4 You know, the facts that I've looked at  
5 when I first kind of learned of this project two  
6 years ago about the asthma rates in Windham  
7 County -- and I'm not, you know, accusing, you  
8 know, NTE or any company of going to increase  
9 that, but that is a concern.

10 And why is that? And we've never gotten  
11 to the bottom of it. You know, cancer rates are  
12 higher. Again, we don't know why. And these are  
13 all things that we have great concern.

14 I have certainly sat on your side of the  
15 fence numerous times. So I will not be  
16 repetitive, but it does concern me when I hear a  
17 lot about things will be cleaner, but cleaner  
18 still means that we're going to have pollutants to  
19 our area. And with the number of plants we have  
20 regionally and locally I don't think it's in the  
21 best interests to put another one in a close  
22 proximity in northeastern Connecticut, and a  
23 number of my constituents have reached out to me  
24 concerned about this as well.

25 So I thank you for your service and what

1           you've done, and for being here in Killingly  
2           tonight. Thank you.

3                       THE HEARING OFFICER: Michael Curran  
4           followed by Kate Donnelly.

5                       MICHAEL CURRAN: Good evening, ladies  
6           and gentlemen. My name is Michael Curran. I'm  
7           here to represent Local 478 Operating Engineers.  
8           I live in town. I've been here for over 30 years.  
9           The kids have gone to school here. I'm also one  
10          of the guys that have chased work, you know, the  
11          60, 70 miles.

12                      But I also respect what they have to  
13          say. I'm an avid outdoorsman. You know, I hunt  
14          and fish and, you know, I like, you know, the fact  
15          that what they have to say.

16                      Am I for it? Of course, I'm for it. Do  
17          I like what they have to say? Of course, I do. I  
18          just feel that in some ways there's got to be a  
19          middle point here where we can both agree on this  
20          and come to some kind of a decision.

21                      Again, I'm Michael Curran -- I am in  
22          support of the project. And thank you for your  
23          time.

24                      THE HEARING OFFICER: Kate Donnelly  
25          followed by Tyler Panteleakos, if I said that

1           correctly.

2                   KATE DONNELLY:   Good evening.   My name  
3           is Kate Donnelly.   I come from Hampton down the  
4           road.   For those of you from out of town it sounds  
5           like it might be a long way away, but it's just  
6           down the road.   We send many of our high school  
7           students to Ellis Tech here in Killingly and  
8           support the economy in Killingly.

9                   I'm the Chair of our Hampton Green  
10          Energy Committee.   Our committee has actively  
11          worked since 2010 in promoting energy efficiency  
12          and renewable energy for our Town and residents.  
13          I'm here to request that the Siting Council deny  
14          the application for the proposed fossil fuel  
15          generating facility in Killingly.

16                   There is no evidence that we need this  
17          proposed plant.   In fact, New England currently  
18          has a surplus of generation resources.   There is  
19          no evidence that there is any benefit to this  
20          proposed facility, but there is evidence that the  
21          environmental impacts put Northeastern Connecticut  
22          and our neighboring states at great risk.

23                   Connecticut has worked very hard over  
24          the last decade to establish policies to develop a  
25          green economy that provides clean energy and

1 long-lasting ongoing jobs within our state for  
2 union workers. This proposed plant conflicts with  
3 state energy policy to accelerate green renewable  
4 energy and to protect our environment.

5 Let's put our resource plan to wind and  
6 solar energy. The risks to public health and  
7 safety for this proposed gas plant have not been  
8 examined, but the adverse effects on our  
9 environment, air and water purity, public health  
10 and safety, and recreational use of our forests  
11 and parks are well established.

12 We live in one of the most beautiful and  
13 pristine parts of this state. Please do not  
14 jeopardize our land and water, and economic  
15 stability by approving this application.

16 Thank you.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Donnelly,  
18 could you please spell your last name for us?

19 KATE DONNELLY: D-o-n-n-e-l-l-y.

20 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

21 Tyler?

22 TYLER PANTELEAKOS: Hello, everyone.  
23 Tyler Panteleakos. That's P-a-n-t-e-l-e-a-k-o-s,  
24 and I am a member of the Local 15 Ironworkers and  
25 I've been in this town for over 30 years now, and



1 I've seen this town grow and I've seen a lot of  
2 important things that have come through this town.

3 As a graduate of Ellis Tech I just have  
4 to plainly and simply say I'm in support of this  
5 project for what it can do for the Town and what  
6 it can do for us and our trades. It's something  
7 that's really important and really needs to be  
8 focused on.

9 Thank you for -- everyone, for your  
10 time. I appreciate you giving me the chance to  
11 speak. Thank you.

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm going to  
13 struggle with the next few people and their last  
14 names. I have MaryAnn -- I can't really read the  
15 last name, but it begins with F-o.

16 MARYANN FODOR: Fodor.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Fodor, thank you.

18 MARYANN FODOR: M-a-r-y-A-n-n; and Fodor  
19 F-o-d-o-r.

20 Stated simply, we do not need this  
21 powerplant. We have plenty of electricity. We're  
22 a small town 16 to 18 thousand, and we're already  
23 doing our part. We have a powerplant and we have  
24 an industry that uses thousands and thousands of  
25 gallons of water every day, 24/7, week after week,

1 nonstop.

2 Connecticut already is involved in the  
3 wind farm that will be built off of Groton and  
4 Hyannis in Massachusetts. We also -- every day  
5 you can read in the paper -- not every day, but  
6 every week or every month about new solar farms  
7 being built. That's clean energy. Wind and  
8 solar, that's the way to go, not gas, fracked gas,  
9 at that.

10 Don't you know the greatest threat to  
11 all mankind is a lack of water? Even more than  
12 global warming, lack of water around the world,  
13 many people already are suffering. We don't want  
14 to be a part of that. We don't want another plant  
15 that uses thousands of gallons every day, nonstop  
16 24/7.

17 And by the way, to all the tradesmen who  
18 talked about this wonderful thing that could be  
19 built here where they'll have jobs, hundreds of  
20 jobs -- for what? Two, three years and the plant  
21 will be done. We'll have that plant here forever.  
22 Maybe not forever, but for 30 or 40, or 50 years  
23 when we should go with wind and solar. That's the  
24 future.

25 Thank you.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: This one I'm  
2 struggling with both first and last name. It  
3 might be Lorraine, and the last two letters of the  
4 last name might be S-a. Is that anybody?

5 LORRAINE SAVARD: Sorry.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: You can spell that  
7 into the microphone when you get up there.

8 Thank you.

9 LORRAINE SAVARD: I didn't think I wrote  
10 that bad.

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: I struggle with my  
12 physician, too, when I get the prescriptions from  
13 him.

14 LORRAINE SAVARD: Oh, no, no, no, no.

15 First of all, this space is way too  
16 small, way too small and it's getting warm in  
17 here. Second of all, of my four years of not  
18 fighting this powerplant, but the Burrillville  
19 powerplant in Rhode Island -- there is one poster  
20 that I saw that is apropos here, and that is that  
21 natural gas is a fracking lie. It is.

22 As people have said, fracking is a  
23 terrible thing doing terrible things to  
24 Pennsylvania and all the way up the line, and down  
25 the center of our nation.

1                    Things have all been said here, but I  
2                    have a few. And I just wanted to reiterate that  
3                    this board must take into account the adverse and  
4                    costly health effects of the fossil fuel industry,  
5                    not only this one plant, but from conception,  
6                    fracking, breaking out earth to burning this stuff  
7                    and polluting our air, using our water. Water is  
8                    life. Here's another thing you must -- you must  
9                    remember.

10                    Thank you for allowing me to speak.

11                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Lorraine, could  
12                    you spell your last name for me, please.

13                    LORRAINE SAVARD: Oh, S-a-v-a-r-d, and  
14                    Lorraine with two R's.

15                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

16                    The next one -- that I'm struggling with  
17                    on both names -- it might be William. It might be  
18                    Montague. If anybody could help me out on that  
19                    one. Or Moriarty.

20                    Oh, there we go. Was William the right  
21                    one?

22                    WILLIAM MORIARTY: Yes.

23                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I got half  
24                    of it.

25                    WILLIAM MORIARTY: Good evening. My

1 name is William Moriarty, M-o-r-i-a-r-t-y. Out of  
2 respect for the councils and everyone here I'm not  
3 going to be redundant in my statement.

4 It's already been said. I'm in favor of  
5 this project and I defer the mic anyone who has  
6 anything new to add to this hearing.

7 Thank you.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Next I have Tom  
9 Paine followed by Susan Eastwood.

10 Tom Paine?

11 TOM PAYNE: Hello. Thank you for  
12 letting me speak. I'm in the laborers union for  
13 20 plus years. I built the last powerplant up the  
14 street. I'm ready to build another one. I hope  
15 to go through with it.

16 Thank you.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Susan Eastwood.

18 SUSAN EASTWOOD: Susan Eastwood;  
19 S-u-s-a-n, E-a-s-t-w-o-o-d. I'm from Ashford.  
20 I'm the chair of the clean energy task force over  
21 there. And of course, we breathe the same air and  
22 I'm very glad to have the opportunity to speak  
23 tonight.

24 I wish to speak in opposition to the  
25 proposed NTE natural gas powerplant in Killingly.

1 In may of 2017 the Connecticut Siting Council  
2 denied the earlier application because there was  
3 no need for the plant and no public benefit to be  
4 had from it.

5 NTE has asked to reopen the application  
6 based on changed circumstances since then. I  
7 would argue these circumstances have indeed  
8 changed. There's now even less need for this  
9 additional power and even more reason to deny on  
10 an environmental basis.

11 ISO New England projected in the peak  
12 load studies shown that peak load is actually  
13 shrinking for Connecticut with nearly a gigawatt  
14 less needed at peak load in the summer, and even  
15 more than a gigawatt needed for the peak load in  
16 winter. That alone to me seems like ample reason  
17 to deny this request.

18 Although the siting Council did not deny  
19 the original request on an environmental basis, I  
20 think this is another strong reason to deny the  
21 application. And again, the case is even stronger  
22 than two years ago. Since that time Connecticut  
23 has a set new goals for its renewable portfolio  
24 standards, which have increased from 20 percent by  
25 2020 to 40 percent by 2030, a goal which will

1 require real commitment to renewable energy by all  
2 of us.

3 Further, the State has set the bar for  
4 reducing greenhouse gases at 45 percent below the  
5 2001 levels by 2030. Another very ambitious goal,  
6 but one that is deadly serious for all of us, and  
7 I mean that literally.

8 Given that the changed circumstances  
9 argue more strongly than ever against the need for  
10 more power generation, and the strengthened  
11 environmental goals argue for even more  
12 consciousness on the incremental impacts on our  
13 air, water and health, I see no reason to  
14 recommend approval of a new dirty gas powerplant  
15 in our beautiful Last Green Valley.

16 Additionally, NTE has not yet addressed  
17 the questions raised by the Connecticut Siting  
18 Council itself. The Department of Public Health  
19 and several environmental groups including the  
20 Sierra Club and Connecticut Fund for the  
21 Environment, as you can see in their submissions  
22 to the Council they have not submitted requested  
23 documents including projected noise levels and  
24 have not gained the approval of the Federal Air  
25 Administration about whether the airspace would be

1 appropriate for this sort of a development.

2 This shows a lack of serious  
3 consideration for the concerns of state agencies  
4 and for the citizens who will be impacted if this  
5 plant goes forward.

6 Thank you.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: John McClellan,  
8 please?

9 JOHN McCLELLAN: My name is John, or  
10 Jacques McClellan, M-c-C-l-e-l-l-a-n. I'm from  
11 Woodstock and since the eighties was a professor  
12 at Quinebaug Valley Community College. And in  
13 that role part of my duty was to try to get people  
14 prepared for the future, and that's what I want to  
15 talk about. But I also want to talk about the  
16 role of Quinebaug and other educational  
17 institutions in retraining people.

18 The educational system has been so-so,  
19 but it's been fairly good in trying to retrain  
20 people. We should be retraining for jobs that are  
21 good for the planet.

22 Now about the planet, many of you  
23 probably are old enough to have at least learned  
24 about Winston Churchill warning England in the  
25 thirties that there was the problem with the



1           buildup of armaments and war plans in Germany.  
2           Everyone ignored him. The consequences were  
3           great.

4                       We are in a different era, and in fact  
5           the consequences are even greater. If you look at  
6           the science, we are in an era in which we can  
7           destroy much of the life on this planet and much  
8           of our civilization.

9                       Now there's a problem, because you can't  
10          see it. It's off in the future, don't worry about  
11          it -- but you have seen the wildfires and the  
12          hurricanes, and that sort of thing. It's  
13          happening, and we have to trust the scientists who  
14          are telling us that we have to start now in  
15          stopping putting more and more greenhouse gases  
16          into the air.

17                      Now if we have a plant powered by gas,  
18          which is admittedly maybe somewhat better than the  
19          other fossil fuels, that will be putting carbon  
20          dioxide and methane into the atmosphere for  
21          decades and decades. We do not have decades.

22                      Now all of us here, every one of us is  
23          living in an era in which the future of our planet  
24          and our civilization is in our hands, I urge you  
25          to meet that responsibility.

1           THE HEARING OFFICER: Ladies and  
2 gentlemen, the last name on this I can't even  
3 figure out. It's about 13 or 14 letters long, and  
4 the first name is John. It might begin with an S.

5           And if you could spell that one for me,  
6 too.

7           JOHN SARANTOPOULOS: My name is John  
8 Sarantopoulos; S-a-r-a-n-t-o-p-o-u-l-o-s. And I'm  
9 81 years old, and I've lived here all my life  
10 other than military. And one of the things that  
11 really irks me is that we refer to our area, and  
12 it's a beautiful area, as the Quiet Corner.

13           And we've created our own deathbed  
14 because we have a tendency to say no, and it's  
15 because everybody is looking out for their own  
16 needs and not the needs of everybody else.

17           You know, in 1787 there was a  
18 Continental Congress that created the United  
19 States of America, and back then guys like  
20 Hamilton, Madison, George Washington knew that  
21 power, money, party politics, those were the  
22 things -- and self interest. Those were the  
23 things that were corrupting, and you couldn't make  
24 decisions because of them.

25           And they were fearful that too much

1 say-so to the individual citizens was going to  
2 stagnate the nation. I say, thank God to the  
3 Siting Council because this is a mechanism that  
4 allows us to do what should be done.

5 And I'm not just saying, everything  
6 should be done, but when you look at what's good  
7 for Killingly -- that's what I want. All right?  
8 Yes, the money and the taxation, that's going to  
9 be a good thing.

10 We're going to be able to do a lot of  
11 good things with that, but I'm only for it if it's  
12 determined that the environmental issues are met,  
13 that all regulations are adhered to and that there  
14 is a need for this powerplant. Now it seems to me  
15 that this consortium that governs this has already  
16 determined that, because they've put this company  
17 on their list, and that's what allowed you people  
18 to bring this thing back about.

19 So going forward in the next 10 years --  
20 and I've been reading this recently almost  
21 daily -- in the next 10 years 50 percent of  
22 automobiles on the road are going to be electric,  
23 and you're seeing it already. General Motors,  
24 Volvo, BMW, all the Japanese companies, they're  
25 all switching their models over to either hybrids

1 or electric.

2 That energy has to come from somewhere  
3 and it seems to me that if you can go to a cleaner  
4 form of energy as a bridge, not as a total  
5 solution, as a bridge to getting us to maybe where  
6 fusion is going to be.

7 There are ten nations in the world right  
8 now -- Russia one of them; France, Great Britain,  
9 Japan and I don't know what the others are that  
10 have invested in something that's being built in  
11 Paris right now. It's supposed to go online in a  
12 couple of years to determine whether or not the  
13 technology is going to work.

14 They're going to have a 1 to 500 ratio,  
15 1 percent power in, 500 out, but more importantly  
16 they're going to prove the technology. If that  
17 happens they're going to duplicate what's  
18 happening on the sun, unlimited power, and that's  
19 going to probably put these people out of  
20 business, but it's probably going to take 30 years  
21 to do so or more because this plant is only going  
22 to determine if the technology that they're  
23 working with works.

24 So -- and I've gone to all of these  
25 hearings, and I support what's good for Killingly

1 providing it meets the regulations. And I'm glad  
2 that it's in your hands, not in the hands of  
3 people emotionally involved for one reason or  
4 another that will, maybe not deliberately, but  
5 they do say things that aren't factual.

6 I believe in factual responsible  
7 government. So I hope you people take a look at  
8 everything. Do what's right, and I'm hopeful that  
9 in the final analysis we're going to have this  
10 powerplant.

11 We've already got one there, and that  
12 industrial park has been there since the 1950s or  
13 60s. A potato farmer was in there. He went broke  
14 because there was a wet season and he lost his  
15 potatoes, and they turned it into an industrial  
16 park.

17 The lake residents should have stopped  
18 the industrial park from going in at the time.  
19 It's been 40, 50, 60 years since then. We've  
20 already got one powerplant there. It's not  
21 causing a problem. A second one won't hurt and  
22 it's going to be replacing fossil fuels that are  
23 far more dangerous to us than what that modern  
24 state-of-the-art plant will do.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: We have reached

1           our time, sir.

2                         JOHN SARANTOPOULOS: Thank you very  
3 much. Appreciate it.

4                         THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

5                         Next I have a Lauren -- and I'm not  
6 going to try to figure out her last name, but you  
7 can tell us when you get to the microphone.

8                         LAUREN NIEDEL: Thank you. My name is  
9 Lauren Niedel. I'm actually from Chepachet.

10                        THE HEARING OFFICER: How do you spell  
11 that?

12                        LAUREN NIEDEL: N-i-e-d-e-l.

13                        THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

14                        LAUREN NIEDEL: I just want to read  
15 something really quick, which I didn't even know  
16 that happened until, like, maybe 20 minutes ago.  
17 And this is from Whinny, WINY.

18                        Area fire departments were called to the  
19 scene of a residential structure fire in nearby  
20 Gloucester, Rhode Island, shortly before 4 p.m.  
21 this afternoon, according to the Chepachet Fire  
22 Department. As crews from Northeastern  
23 Connecticut also responded, QVEC dispatch confirms  
24 the fire was located at 34 Reynolds Road in the  
25 Village of Chepachet in the town of Gloucester.

1 About 15 to 30 minutes before 5 p.m. this evening  
2 the local fire department estimates the fire was  
3 deemed under control.

4 The reason why I'm reading this is  
5 because I live in Chepachet. There is a proposed  
6 powerplant in Burrillville, a proposed powerplant  
7 in here. I'm in the middle. Our water has no  
8 boundaries. Our air quality has no boundaries.  
9 Our people get sick from poor air quality.

10 When you go down that pipeline and to  
11 get that fracked gas you are going into peoples'  
12 homes -- and in their areas in Pennsylvania where  
13 fracking is causing immense destruction, immense  
14 environmental issues, health issues, et cetera.

15 Here in Southeastern New England we have  
16 a moral obligation not to be complicit in what's  
17 going on in the fracked areas of Pennsylvania. We  
18 have enough power in this area. We are -- as you  
19 all know, solar farms are coming up everywhere.  
20 Wind farms are becoming way more cost effective.  
21 We can't be putting in powerplants that will be  
22 obsolete the day it goes into -- the day it starts  
23 working if it ever goes up.

24 These plants are there for 20, 30, 40  
25 years. At that time in 30 to 40 years solar

1 panels will probably be tiny. Batteries will be  
2 incredibly small, very cost effective.

3 You have to look at the future. You  
4 have to have a vision, a vision of this area of  
5 Southern New England should not be adding  
6 additional powerplants and fracked gas at the  
7 expense of other people from across the country.

8 Thank you.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: I have Vicki Stahr  
10 followed by Virge Lorents.

11 VICTORIA STAHR: I'm Victoria Stahr,  
12 that's spelled S-t-a-h-r.

13 My grandchildren live in this town and  
14 as people have repeatedly said, there's no need  
15 for another powerplant. There's already a  
16 powerplant in Killingly. There are solar farms in  
17 Woodstock right over the border along Route 6, and  
18 there's one proposed in Plainfield.

19 There's already a powerplant existing in  
20 Killingly, and I'm sorry about the industrial  
21 plant being put where it is next to the lake. I  
22 don't think we should be putting any other  
23 polluting types of things next to the lake.

24 I grew up in Pennsylvania. Fracking is  
25 not good. Coal is not good. Fossil fuels are not



1 good. The pipelines used to transport the gas  
2 from one area to another leak. There's no way  
3 they're safe, and I don't want another one put in  
4 just because we think we want the power here. We  
5 don't need it.

6 We need to improve our research and  
7 development on green fuels, and if we keep relying  
8 on these fossil fuels the scientists might not  
9 feel so pressured. And wind turbines do not  
10 create cancer unlike what President -- I won't say  
11 his name --

12 A VOICE: Trump.

13 VICTORIA STAHR: Thanks.

14 So I respectfully feel that we just  
15 don't need this powerplant here. If you want  
16 anything, research on the turbines that go in  
17 sewers that create electricity and other such  
18 types of creating electricity that do not create  
19 pollution.

20 Because you know, if we can't breathe  
21 the air because we're asthmatic or have COPD, and  
22 if we can't drink the water because we've polluted  
23 it through the process of fracking and other such  
24 methods, we don't need the business because we  
25 can't live to support it. So I'd say we just

1 don't need it.

2 Thank you.

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Virge Lorents  
4 followed by Ben Chase, please.

5 VIRGE LORENTS: Okay. I won't force you  
6 to call me Vitica Lorents. I won't do that to  
7 you.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: But you'll spell  
9 your last name for me, though.

10 VIRGE LORENTS: L-o-r-e-n-t-s.

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

12 VIRGE LORENTS: Things are changing  
13 quickly. In 1990 the only reason a wood chip  
14 fired plant didn't get built here was the  
15 Providence Water Board sued to prevent ash from  
16 falling into their reservoirs.

17 In 2000 the current plant was built to  
18 replace aging coal-fired plants. That was a good  
19 thing, but it still puts greenhouse gases into the  
20 air. However now global warming is now no longer  
21 a theory. It's a fact, and our neighbor Canada is  
22 feeling the brunt of it more than any other  
23 country in the world.

24 We too are experiencing more frequent  
25 and intense storms, and it will only get worse if

1 we do nothing. My husband and I have stepped up  
2 to the plate and are building a zero carbon  
3 emission home. We'll have an array of solar  
4 panels on the roof and make room for an additional  
5 array on the yard, but I have heard -- but haven't  
6 checked yet -- that Eversource persuaded the  
7 Legislature to allow Eversource to refuse to buy  
8 the power from homeowners with extra power output.

9 Now that's good for their profits, but  
10 it's bad for our planet. I have to wonder why  
11 Connecticut is falling behind Massachusetts in  
12 carbon-free power production. They're filling  
13 empty spaces along the Mass Pike and covering  
14 brownfields and putting arrays there, and other  
15 things.

16 I'd like folks here to know my dad was a  
17 union carpenter, and the union kept us afloat  
18 during hard times. So I understand the focus on  
19 jobs, however clean energy jobs are a growth  
20 industry and I imagine working in a field that  
21 pays you now and keeps the planet livable for your  
22 children and grandchildren -- would be a good idea  
23 to focus on.

24 Thank you.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ben Chase followed

1 by Stephanie Sloman, please.

2 So Ben Chase?

3 Are you Stephanie? Come on in.

4 STEPHANIE SLOMAN: Hi. My name is  
5 Stephanie Sloman and I'm a retired environmental  
6 engineer, and I live in Burrillville and I've been  
7 fighting Entergy for about four years now. So  
8 I've learned a lot, unfortunately, about  
9 powerplants. It wasn't my forte, but it kind of  
10 is now.

11 And why am I here? One of the reasons  
12 of course is that this powerplant will be  
13 approximately 13 miles as the crow flies from  
14 where I live in Burrillville, but that's not the  
15 only reason.

16 But first of all, in case -- I'm going  
17 to read this, sorry. First of all, in case I run  
18 out of time I want to say the following. Over the  
19 last years there have been and will continue to be  
20 hundreds of megawatts of offshore wind, onshore  
21 wind, solar panels on roofs and solar farms being  
22 built in New England. We as a society are on the  
23 cusp of a cultural change, a drastic and  
24 needed shift from fossil fuels to renewable  
25 energy.

1           In order to save the planet and  
2 ourselves we and all of the energy siting councils  
3 and boards must take a leap of faith. If you  
4 will, that renewable energy will supply our  
5 present and future needs. We don't need this or  
6 any other new natural gas powerplant now or ever.

7           Today I looked at ISO New England's  
8 website and it showed a 2,487 megawatt surplus.  
9 ISO New England itself has forecasted that solar  
10 behind the meter, not connected to the grid will  
11 increase substantially over time to the tune of  
12 approximately 14 percent per year. This means by  
13 2027 only eight years from now solar panel  
14 electricity behind the meter will increase by  
15 144 percent.

16           ISO New England also states that there  
17 are 20,500 megawatts of offshore and onshore wind  
18 projects already scheduled to be built. Solar  
19 farms which connect to the grid are increasing by  
20 leaps and bounds. There's been great strides  
21 concerning battery storage, but when the wind  
22 doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine -- I love  
23 that. I hear that all the time.

24           Concerning the hydrogen tube trailers,  
25 it's always been part of the project from day one.

1 It can be found on page 59 of the original  
2 application. In other words, a change of the  
3 manufacturer and the increase in the megawatts  
4 didn't all of a sudden say, oh my. We need  
5 hydrogen.

6 Second, NTE's response to the Siting  
7 Council's number 47 states, and I quote, NTE  
8 estimates that approximately 400,000 standard  
9 cubic feet of hydrogen, unquote, will be used and  
10 stored on site. The words "estimates" and  
11 "approximately" are key. They should know the  
12 exact volumes. Shouldn't they? Shouldn't you?

13 Third, NTE's response does not answer  
14 the sub-question concerning the blast zone. Why?  
15 Entergy, the powerplant we're fighting in  
16 Burrillville -- Entergy was forced to do a blast  
17 analysis of the hydrogen gas.

18 A long story short, 500,000 cubic  
19 standard feet of hydrogen which will be used for  
20 one turbine, not for two. If a hundred percent  
21 exploded it would destroy 64 acres. And 50,000 is  
22 not that far away from 40,000.

23 What will happen if KEC's hydrogen gas  
24 explodes and then caused a natural gas explosion,  
25 if Entergy was forced to do that blast radius,

1 too? In that case it would be 145 acres  
2 destroyed. I think that KEC should be asked to do  
3 such a blast zone analysis.

4 And according to -- I'm going to talk  
5 about the water now. Minimum average of a  
6 100,000 -- I mean, 50. Sorry, fifty -- no a  
7 hundred, sorry.

8 Minimum average of 100,000 gallons per  
9 day, maximum of 400,000 per day. However, in the  
10 contract states that if there's a drought  
11 situation or an equipment emergency, CWC will  
12 reduce the volume of water available to KEC.

13 Two points here. One, the only  
14 water reduction mandated for state residents and  
15 business that use CWC will be reduced. It won't  
16 be the powerplant. The other businesses and the  
17 residents will have to reduce their water usage.  
18 Also KEC has no secondary or contingent source of  
19 water. Shouldn't that be a concern?

20 The noise -- there's no mention of the  
21 World Health Organization that I could find.  
22 There's no mention of the low-frequency noise and  
23 the negative health effects with low-frequency  
24 noise, and I could go on here.

25 As far as the hazardous air pollutants

1 designated by the EPA, there will be -- KEC in  
2 their applications says 14.61 tons per year  
3 emitted by the powerplant. These include lead,  
4 arsenic, mercury, benzine, formaldehyde.

5 Is there a decommissioning agreement  
6 between Killingly and NTE, because I didn't see  
7 one? Also the site is located in the middle of a  
8 wildlife corridor in the Last Green Valley.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Sloman we are  
10 out of time, but I'll encourage you to submit  
11 written --

12 STEPHANIE SLOMAN: I did already.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. Thank  
14 you very much.

15 Paul Maidment followed by Jack  
16 Dusseault. Thank you.

17 PAUL MAIDMENT: Thank you. That's  
18 Maidment, M-a-i-d-m-e-n-t. I'm a citizen of  
19 Pomfret and have been for almost 30 years. My  
20 wife and I are also stewards of the Wyndham Land  
21 Trust Tucker Preserve which borders on the  
22 Quinebaug River in Pomfret, directly or diagonally  
23 across is the Dunn Preserve which will be impacted  
24 by the construction of this plant.

25 The NTE representative spoke of an



1 upgraded pipeline. I believe that this will have  
2 a negative -- is the one that may have a negative  
3 impact on the Dunn Preserve. It's got to be made  
4 bigger, which means you have to disrupt the land  
5 that's been protected.

6 The NTE rep also spoke of low emissions  
7 from the gas plant. Where's the problem of  
8 fracking waste mentioned? Fifty-six, I believe,  
9 Connecticut Towns have passed non-fracking  
10 resolutions to keep waste from being transported  
11 through our towns. Our State may be in this  
12 transportation.

13 Fracking waste must be considered here  
14 as well. Why would we ban fracked gas to be  
15 transported in our state only to burn here in  
16 Northeast Connecticut.

17 We do not need another gas powerplant.  
18 We do not need the energy. The Council, I assume,  
19 has all these facts that have been mentioned  
20 tonight. Outside this town hall this evening  
21 right before the meeting -- I assume still there's  
22 a panel truck with out-of-state plates with two  
23 digital messages flashing. One, support the  
24 Killingly energy Center; and two, \$120 million for  
25 Killingly. They've offered no other reasons why

1           this plant should be supported.

2                       And there were over 20 human beings  
3 standing outside protesting this plant mostly with  
4 homemade signs. There are many young children,  
5 young children here earlier, and this is their  
6 future you are deciding. I ask that you deny this  
7 application.

8                       Thank you.

9                       THE HEARING OFFICER: Jack Dusseault, if  
10 I said that correctly, followed by David  
11 Alexander.

12                      JACK DUSSEAULT: It's Dusseault,  
13 D-u-s-s-e-a-u-l-t. We have a unique situation  
14 here. We've had a powerplant for 20 years in  
15 town, larger than the one that's being proposed  
16 now. No town manager in the Town of Killingly in  
17 the last 20 years has ever received one complaint  
18 from the powerplant we have in existence right  
19 now. Not one complaint in 20 years has anyone  
20 ever talked to the town manager -- and that's a  
21 fact -- about this.

22                      Now about 50 years ago I ran a flight  
23 service in town, and one day I was flying from  
24 Syracuse to Danielson which is -- the runway is  
25 3113. So there was a northwest wind probably 30,

1 40 miles an hour. I'm coming from Syracuse. At  
2 about 4,000 feet you could see for a hundred  
3 miles. It was a beautiful day. Mount Monadnock,  
4 you could see.

5 At that time there was always seven or  
6 eight dumps. If you went up 3,000 feet you could  
7 see seven or eight dumps burning and, you know,  
8 they were small fires.

9 But this, I was leaving Syracuse and I  
10 could see about 50 miles away there was a huge  
11 plume. I couldn't believe it. I said, what the  
12 heck is that? So I was flying right over it and I  
13 could see. When I got there I could see the  
14 Danielson airport.

15 And that smoke was going directly  
16 130 degrees right over Danielson. It was the  
17 Mount Tom coal burning plant. It was there for 60  
18 years. It used 150 coal cars a day -- I mean, a  
19 week from the railroad and there was also another  
20 small one near it. I don't know what the name of  
21 that one was, but they closed that four years ago.

22 For 60 years Danielson was right on the  
23 southeast direction of the Mount Tom coal plant.  
24 The smoke didn't dissipate until I got  
25 over Abington. It's unbelievable. Abington and

1 Pomfret have been in that, that narrow northwest  
2 wind from Mount Tom for 60 years. And now we  
3 can't worry about this. I mean, they closed Mount  
4 Tom. They closed all, you know, most of the coal  
5 plants in Massachusetts.

6 We've had seven homes built about eight  
7 years ago right next to the present powerplant.  
8 No problems selling them. Never been, you know,  
9 more than -- for-sale signs, it was never a  
10 problem. We don't have a problem with that.

11 As far as water goes, we had a company,  
12 Rogers Corporation, used a million gallons a day  
13 out of this brook from the Alexander's Lake.  
14 About 20 years ago they stopped because they  
15 didn't make the transformers -- or they didn't  
16 need the water.

17 We have more water. Connecticut Water  
18 used to get 3 million gallons a day from another  
19 brook and they stopped that, and they dug wells  
20 and replaced it. They bought wells from Rogers  
21 Corporation and they put cement over them. They  
22 didn't need them. We don't have a water problem.

23 And as I said, for 50 years we've been  
24 sucking up, sucking up. We couldn't be in a more  
25 worse position from the Mount Tom plant. For 50

1 years we were sucking up that emissions. I mean,  
2 it's just -- I got over Abington before the smoke  
3 dissipated and that was, I don't know, 40 years  
4 ago.

5 So I think, you know, we have all the  
6 qualifications to get one. We've got the sewer  
7 water, electric, whatever is right there. I think  
8 it would be a shame if you guys didn't approve  
9 this.

10 But I can't say it enough. Twenty years  
11 the plant has been in town and never one complaint  
12 to a town manager, including the present one.  
13 Twenty years -- almost 20. I don't know. Maybe  
14 19.

15 And that's all I have to say.

16 THE HEARING OFFICER: Daniel Alexander  
17 followed by James Hardell.

18 DANIEL ALEXANDER: Good evening. My  
19 name is Daniel Alexander. I live at 137 Lake  
20 Road. It's approximately a thousand feet from the  
21 site. I know a lot of people have come here from  
22 Hartford and other communities, union workers.

23 I just don't see the justification.  
24 Three years of union jobs for 20 to 30 years of  
25 emissions that my children will grow up in.

1 Thank you. Have a good night.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: James Hardell,  
3 please? James Hardell?

4 JAMES HARDELL: Hello. My name is James  
5 Hardell. It's spelled H-a-r-d-e-l-l.

6 I grew up on Alexander's Lake my whole  
7 life. My whole family is raised here. I went to  
8 Killingly High School. My son is growing up here  
9 now.

10 And first, let me say I love the union.  
11 They're the backbone of our country. I love  
12 economic development and I love green energy.

13 I'd just like to see a show of hands who  
14 is for investing in fossil fuel in our town?

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mister, it's  
16 really not a vote. It's comments to us, please?

17 JAMES HARDELL: Okay.

18 You know, this is a big decision. It's  
19 not to be taken lightly. One bad thing happens.  
20 That's all it takes. One mistake. Mr. Tim Eves,  
21 I'm talking to you. It takes one mistake for this  
22 to all go wrong.

23 And this plan is not keeping with the  
24 State of Connecticut's goals for renewable energy.  
25 That is why I am here keeping my son up past his

1           bedtime to ask the Siting Council to vote no on  
2           the fossil fuel plant.

3                       I don't know anyone in this town or in  
4           this state that's in favor of a fossil fuel plant  
5           that is not economically benefiting from it.

6                       Mr. Eves and NTE should build this plant  
7           in their backyard. And I would encourage NTE and  
8           the union to be part of the solution of investing  
9           in green energy, and maybe the local people here  
10          and the State of Connecticut would be better for  
11          it.

12                      Thank you. I yield my time.

13                      THE HEARING OFFICER: Ladies and  
14          gentleman, the last speaker I have lined up,  
15          unless anybody else wants to sign up, is Bill  
16          Tetreault.

17                      BILL TETREAULT: Members of the siting  
18          Council, thank you. I know it's probably been a  
19          long day for you, NTE representatives.

20                      First of all, I'd just like to say --  
21          and members of the labor union, although it looks  
22          like most of them have left -- respect for the  
23          folks at NTE. I don't think they knew the kind of  
24          people they were going to find here in Killingly  
25          when they first started this, but they have

1 treated us with respect and I believe that most of  
2 us that have petitioned against them and what  
3 they're doing have treated them with respect as  
4 well.

5 As far as the workers and labor unions,  
6 I feel for you. I know what it's like to -- I'm a  
7 ninety-niner. Right? I'm not proud of it, but  
8 I'm a ninety-niner, you know, since I've started  
9 the business and I'm doing really well.

10 I understand what it takes to put food  
11 on your table and keep your mortgage. I  
12 understand that it would be great to have a job  
13 here and not, you know, in Hartford where you've  
14 got to drive an hour each way. I get all that. I  
15 wish you well.

16 I cannot deny that this plant with its  
17 new technology would be less offensive than a coal  
18 plant or other gas-fired plants. I'm not going to  
19 deny that. However, I do have concerns. I have  
20 concerns about noise.

21 I have real concerns about noise. I  
22 have concerns about the water. The fact that we  
23 have to tie our water into Plainfield water tells  
24 me we shouldn't do this in Killingly. If we don't  
25 have enough water to just support this outright



1 tells me right away this probably shouldn't  
2 happen. I wonder if there's anybody from  
3 Plainfield here tonight that's worried about most  
4 of their water now coming to Killingly.

5 I worry about the air. I worry about  
6 the air because I have respiratory issues. Right?  
7 I worry because, like it was said, Windham County  
8 has the worst child asthma rate of any county in  
9 the country, and yet they don't measure our air  
10 quality here in Windham County. I'm under the  
11 understanding that our air quality is measured in  
12 East Hartford. Correct me if I'm wrong.

13 Why do you measure our air in East  
14 Hartford when we're breathing this?

15 The other thing I really worry about is  
16 an explosion. I worry about like what somebody  
17 just said about something going wrong. I have  
18 95 percent confidence that nothing will go wrong  
19 in the building of this plant, professionals doing  
20 what they're supposed to do. However it's that  
21 5 percent that really scares me.

22 Now a certain speaker also told us not  
23 to be emotional. Well, I'm going to be real  
24 emotional. I'm going to be real emotional and  
25 tell you that I really don't want this to happen,

1 because my mailbox is 400 yards from the proposed  
2 site of the diesel tanks.

3 Thank you.

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ladies and  
5 gentlemen, I'll offer. If there's anyone else  
6 that would like to present comments?

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8 (No response.)

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10 THE HEARING OFFICER: All right.  
11 Hearing none, the Council will now close the  
12 public comment session of this hearing.

13 The Council announces that it will  
14 continue the evidentiary session of this hearing  
15 in New Britain on Thursday April 18, 2019, at  
16 11 a.m.

17 Please note again that anyone who has  
18 not become a party or intervener, but who desires  
19 to make his or her views known to the Council may  
20 file written statements with the Council until the  
21 public comment record closes.

22 Copies of the transcript of this hearing  
23 will be filed at the town clerk's office in  
24 Killingly, Putnam, and Pomfret.

25 And I hereby declare this hearing

1           adjourned. Thank you all for your participation  
2           and please drive home safely.

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4                           (Whereupon, the above proceedings were  
5           concluded at 8:25 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 90 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the Public Hearing in Re: DOCKET NO. 470B, MOTION TO REOPEN AN APPLICATION FROM NTE CONNECTICUT, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A 550-MEGAWATT DUEL-FUEL COMBINED CYCLE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION SWITCHYARD LOCATED AT 180 AND 189 LAKE ROAD, KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, which was held before ROBERT SILVESTRI, The Hearing Officer, at the Killingly Town Hall, Killingly Town Hall Meeting Room, 172 Main Street, Killingly, Connecticut, Thursday, April 4, 2019.



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