



Resolution

Opposing Competitive Power Ventures' Proposed Woodbridge, NJ Power Plant

WHEREAS, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) has proposed to build a 2nd gas-fired power plant in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge, New Jersey, in a densely populated region within the most densely populated state; and

WHEREAS, Central New Jersey, which includes South Brunswick Township, already suffers high levels of air pollution from fossil-fuel power plants which are among the largest sources of such pollution in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CPV's application states that its proposal for the facility is to potentially emit 2,374,633 tons of Greenhouse Gases, annually and these emissions would be in direct opposition to the goals of the New Jersey Clean Energy Act, EO 28, EO 100, the 2019 Energy Master Plan and New Jersey's Environmental Justice statute; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association "State of the Air 2020" report gives Middlesex County, which includes South Brunswick Township, the grade of "F" for ground-level ozone air pollution and is out of compliance with EPA limits on ozone, but this proposed plant, if their air permit is approved, will be allowed to increase the concentration of ozone precursors (volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides) resulting in increased ground-level ozone in this region through the purchase of "ozone credits;" and

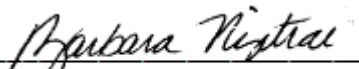
WHEREAS, the American Lung Association "State of the Air 2020" report shows Central New Jersey, which includes South Brunswick Township, already has significant populations with pediatric and adult asthma, COPD, and other conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, nervous disorders, and mental disorders which will be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution, and studies have shown ground-level ozone causes premature death; and

WHEREAS, the rapidly declining cost of solar energy and storage have already caused the cancellation of projects using gas to generate electricity and is forecasted to become significantly cheaper than gas in the coming years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW, on this 13th day of December, 2022, by the Township Council of the Township of South Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that in the interest of protecting its residents and businesses, oppose construction of this gas-burning power plant proposed by CPV and call on CPV to withdraw its application for a gas power plant and resubmit its application for a renewable power plant.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josephine "Jo" Hochman, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Ken Bierman, Councilman
AYES:	Ken Bierman, Joseph Camarota, Josephine "Jo" Hochman
ABSENT:	Archana "Ann" Grover, Charlie Carley

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at the South Brunswick Township Council meeting held on December 13, 2022.



Barbara Nyitrai, Township Clerk