

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-23-019

Resolution Opposing Construction of CPV Keasbey Power Plant in Woodbridge, NJ

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is less than eighteen miles away from the proposed plant, and would be negatively impacted by its operation; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County is already home to at least six major fossil-fuel power plants¹ with a total generation capacity that far exceeds its existing needs, and Central New Jersey already suffers high levels of air pollution from fossil-fuel power plants, which are among the largest pollution sources in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, the Borough of Highland Park, the Highland Park Board of Education, the City of Hoboken, the City of Perth Amboy, the Township of Franklin, the Borough of Sayreville, the City of Rahway, the County of Somerset, and the Township of South Brunswick have each opposed the construction of this gas-burning power plant proposed by CPV; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Environmental Commission has reviewed this proposal and called on Governor Phil Murphy and the Department of Environmental Protection to oppose, not just the proposed power plant in Keasbey, but the creation of all fossil-fuel power plants throughout the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents and businesses.

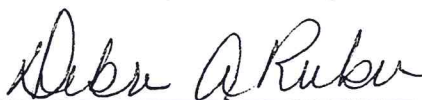
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Cranbury, in the interest of protecting its residents and businesses, opposes construction of this gas-burning power plant proposed by CPV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join the Cranbury Environmental Commission and the Cranbury Board of Health in calling on Governor Murphy and the Department of Environmental Protection to oppose, not just the proposed power plant in Keasbey, but the creation of all fossil-fuel power plants throughout the state of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Shawn LaTourette, US Senator Robert Menendez, US Senator Cory Booker, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, State Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Daniel Benson, Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, and the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners.

CERTIFICATION

I, Debra A. Rubin, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at its meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2023.



Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration Independent Statistics & Analysis, *New Jersey State Profile and Energy Estimates: Profile Overview*: <https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=NJ>