

Individual Resolutions Meeting of the Municipal Council Wednesday, July 12, 2023 RESOLUTION SUMMARY

<u>2023-373</u>

Resolution opposing the construction of a new Natural Gas Energy Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey



City of Asbury Park County of Monmouth State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED KEASBEY ENERGY CENTER AND SEEKING COMPETIVE POWER VENTURES TO PURSUE A RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION FACILITY

WHEREAS, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) is proposing to build the Keasbey Energy Center, a 657- megawatt combined-cycle natural gas electric generating facility in Woodbridge, New Jersey, within a densely populated region of the most densely populated state; and

WHEREAS, while a gas-fired power plant of this type can operate 25 to 30 years and generates significant Greenhouse gases and other serious air contaminants affecting the health of residents during its lifetime, there are cleaner technologies currently available that can also generate power including solar and wind; and

WHEREAS, CPV is, as promoted on their website, "able to bring online award-winning projects that modernize the electric grid and are among the most efficient, reliable and environmentally responsible in the world" and has demonstrated success in securing approval for 762 MW of renewable generation throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey 2019 Energy Master Plan Strategy 2 is to "Accelerate Deployment of Renewable Energy and Distributed Energy Resources," for which building this facility runs totally in opposition to that Strategy and the Master Plan stated Goal to reach "100% Clean Energy by 2050," and most of the other stated goals in the New Jersey 2019 Energy Master Plan do not pursue expansion of fossil fuel energy power generation facilities;

NOW, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Asbury Park, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that we call on Competitive Power Venture to withdraw its application for a 657- megawatt combined-cycle natural gas electric generating facility in Woodbridge, New Jersey, and conversely has our support to pursue a renewable power generation facility that is both energy efficient and environmentally responsible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward this Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as part of its review of facilities

subject to the Environmental Justice Law and the associated public hearing and enhanced public participation process.

I, LISA ESPOSITO, City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2023-373 which was finally adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on the 12th day of July, 2023

CERTIFIED BY ME THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2023.

2 Esposito, City Clerk 7/13/2023

LISA ESPOSITO CITY CLERK

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2023-373						
✓ Adopted Adopted as Amended			Yes/Ave	No/Nav	Abstain	Absent
☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Angela Ahbez-Anderson	Seconder	✓ ✓			
	Eileen Chapman	Mover	$\overline{\square}$			
□ Withdrawn	Yvonne Clayton	Voter				
☐ Second Reading	Amy Quinn	Voter	$ \overline{\checkmark} $			
Resolution Failed for Lack of Seconder	John Moor	Voter	\square			