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Folks, thanks for joining. I'm just giving a couple more minutes. We still have a lot of people signing in, so just please hold tight for another minute.

Scott. Yeah. Is it too late to send a comment? Sorry. Oh, not at all. We are accepting comments until March 31st. So there's a definitely about another month plus to send comments. Perfect. OK. And those will be forwarded onto Woodbridge and the Powers Be. Yes. Correct. OK, great. OK. Thank you.

All right. It seems like most of the beeps have stopped for the most part and so we can get started. I just at the very beginning, I just want to give everyone a heads up that this is meeting is being recorded and will be submitted to the DEP as as is required under the administrative order. And so I

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just wanted to let everyone know about that right at the get go.

And we will get started. My name is Scott Kjellberg. I am with

Competitive Power Ventures. I am the Director of State Government

and Regulatory Affairs and this presentation is an environmental

justice presentation in relation to the Keasbey Energy Center

proposal. And we will get right into it. And sorry, there's

still some more people signing it.

I wanted to share there is an access for anyone who is hard of

hearing or is a non-English speaker. This first page is

obviously in English, the next page is in Spanish, but this is

in case anyone needs captions, caption services or translation

services. There is a more button, more options button.

It's the three dots you can see right here and if you turn on

live captions that will bring that up and then there's also an

option.

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If you in the lower right side or I guess yeah, the lower right

side of the screen, there's another three dots that will

allow you to turn up, turn on captions and change the

language. And for we also have it translated here and if that

is useful for anyone who's joining.

All right. And for a quick rundown of our agenda, I know we

have a lot of people on the line right now. We currently have 136

people. In the meeting. And so, we definitely

want to give as many people as we can a possibility for public

comment and input. And so, we will kick off and go over the

ground rules for participation. We'll cover the environmental

justice law.

As it pertains to this project as well as information about

Competitive Power Ventures and our proposal for the Keasbey

Energy Center, leaving hopefully a good really good chunk of time

for public input after the presentation. At that point,

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I will unmute people. We will have some suggestions on how best to participate in terms of raising hands using the button so that we can get to everyone that we possibly can this evening.

And the ground rules for participation, as I said at the beginning, this information session is being recorded and will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. When you plan to have everyone on mute until the public comment period. And if you would like to comment, please use the reaction buttons and raise your hand.

When you do comment, please state your name and city or Township. You will have 3 minutes to speak. We will have a timer up on the screen so that.

You'll be able to see how much time is left, and CPV will be responding to questions and comments in writing after the

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conclusion of this meeting. We do want to give as many people a chance as possible to speak and to provide their input in this meeting. We also want to encourage everyone to submit written comments. Those will also be responded to. Notes can go directly to me, SKJELLBERG@cpv.com, and I do also want to note that any sort of personal attacks or anything like that, there's anyone who's unruly. We will mute you and then if we have to, if it continues, we will have to remove you from the meeting. So the first thing we want to cover is the environmental justice law that was signed into law by Governor Murphy in September of 2020. The law requires the New Jersey DEP to evaluate the Environmental and public health impacts of certain facilities and overburden communities, which include census block groups of at least 35% of the households qualifying as low income households, at least 40% of the residents identifying as minority or as a member of the state recognized tribal

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community, or a group that has at least 40% of the households

have limited English proficiency. This meeting.

Is currently operating under the Administrative Order 21-25 that

requires us to facilitate meaningful opportunities for

members of the overburden community to engage in the

probing decision for our facility. And I also thought it

was important as the state notes on their website and as we

follow the US Environmental Protection Agency definition of

environmental justice as a fair treatment and meaningful

involvement of all people regardless of race, color,

national origin or income with respect to the development,

implementation and enforcement, environmental laws and

regulations and policies. And just a brief touch on who

Competitive Power Ventures is. We are a developer, manager

and owner of electric generation facilities throughout the United

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States.

We build on and operate wind, solar and natural gas facilities throughout the country. We've been in operation since the very late 90s and have a portfolio of natural gas facilities as well as a significantly growing portfolio of wind and solar. And we really strive in our what we do in our work to be economic anchors of the communities we.

We try to build support around our projects and we also try to provide as much economic opportunity as we can in the communities where we're located. We provide jobs, but more important to that, try to attract high demand businesses and boost the local economy, whether it's direct employment, hiring local companies to do work at our facilities, several, several things like that.

And in New Jersey, we currently have the operating an operating project known as the Woodbridge Entity Center. It's a 725 MW

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natural gas fire combined cycle facility. It's one of the most efficient power plants in the state, not to mention one of the most efficient power plants in the PJM, which is the regional transmission organization. It represents 13, they provide electricity for 13 states in the District of Columbia and that plant.

Has an estimated 6 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> that it actually avoids because it's so efficient that it causes, it displaces other plants, less efficient plants from running. And one of the things that we're really proud of is that we use, we reuse gray water from the Middlesex County Utilities Authority Water Treatment facility and actually pay almost \$1,000,000 annually to deliver.

To receive that which is actually would be considered a waste product. We also employ 22 full-time employees. On the next



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slide is our existing air permit annual emission caps. This is

what would be the maximum potential emissions that we

would have for our plant that is currently there as you can see

under the Title 5 permits we're required to.

Monitor and account for nitrous oxide, carbon monoxide,

particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic

compounds, hazardous pollutants and carbon dioxide. And as you

can see, this is the existing permit, as people may know that

this whole session is that it's for a modification to that

permit since the Keasbey facility will be located adjacent to our

Woodbridge existing Woodbridge plant.

And under the environmental justice law, we also take into

account the environmental justice, the current stressors

that exist, this we've applied for an air permit for this

facility. We are focusing on the concentrated areas of air

pollution stressors. There are other stressors, as you can see,

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that are covered, excuse me, under the environmental justice

rule, under the environmental justice law.

I have them written down below and then we'll go back down to

the proposed Keasbey Energy Center, which will be

located adjacent to the existing Woodbridge Energy facility. It's

a 657 MW combined natural gas facility. It will use the most

efficient turbines that GE has as well as one heat recovery steam

generator. 657 megawatts can provide enough power for more

than 600,000 homes. And one of the things that we're seeing across

the nation of continuing a need for is grid reliability and

stability of more and more renewables come online We we're

seeing a greater need for flexibility so that that the

system so that PJM and our local distribution companies

are able to maintain reliability, keep the lights on

and so the point of Keasbey be would be to help maintain that

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reliability. There's also several local benefits with this sort

of an expansion of what we already provide with our

presence in Woodbridge. But we would definitely be looking to

do additional funding for STEM focused curriculum project Lead

the Way. We also generally focus a lot of our support on local first

responders, so police, fire, paramedics and EMTs. And one of

the things that's good about this site is that it's a reuse

and redevelopment of a brownfield site that was once

contaminated. And we have cleaned up the

location for our plant and around our plant and but we

think it's a prime location for this project.

These are the anticipated or maximum potential annual

emissions for the modification. So, I want to note that this is a

combination of our Woodbridge Energy Center with the Keasbey

Energy Center. It's not the keys the Keasbey Energy Center alone and

again covers the major forms of emissions.

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And noting, I did want to also add on this slide, the environmental, environmental justice stressors would not be any different under the Keasbey project. We wouldn't be adding any additional stressors. It would be the same stressors. And the last thing I wanted to focus on with this was the air quality. I think it's something that a lot of people have concerns about and I do, we understand those concerns and wanted to address those concerns.

As the one of the most efficient and cleanest natural gas plants in the nation, definitely in New Jersey, and likely in PJM as well, it will have significantly lower emissions than current coal, oil, and other older natural gas plants that are operating. Part of the bonus of a new plant is that it will actually displace those emissions on other parts of the grid and in New Jersey.

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And importantly it is noting that I want to note that this

facility has several pollution controls while it does emit the

same pollutants as people heating systems, ovens, things

like that is that we do have several tons of emissions

controls and that we run studies, have analysis that are

part of the application process that.

Have that we that determine that they are our air quality impacts

are determined to be protective of the health of the most

sensitive members of the public, specifically children, the

elderly and those with existing respiratory illnesses. And with

that I'm going to turn it over to Darren Ometz who is with TRC

Companies.

Thank you, Scott, and good evening everyone.

I'm here tonight to talk about the Title V air permit and what

is Title V? That refers to Title V of the Clean Air Act, and

the Clean Air Act is administered by the United

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States Environmental Protection Agency and coordination with the

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The

Clean Air Act is the comprehensive federal law that

regulates air emissions from stationary and mobile sources.

Title V permits are issued to all large sources, otherwise known

as major sources and a limited number of smaller sources. Most

permits are issued by the New Jersey Department of Environment

Protection, and they're also known as Part 70 permits, and

the smaller number are also issued by the United States

Environmental Protection Agency. The permits include pollution

control requirements from both federal and state regulations

that apply to a source.

Note that many New Jersey air regulations are in addition to

US EPA regulations and in in in many instances are more

stringent and more protective of human health than the federal

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requirements. Lastly, note that the initial permit for this site

was issued in 2012 and that this Title V action is a modification

of the existing permit. Next slide, please.

The next slide is the discussing the air permit application

process and procedures that the United States Environmental

Protection Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental

Protection follow. So once an application is received, the New

Jersey DEP and the USEPA provide a thorough review of all

application materials.

By environmental experts with years of experience and air

quality. When New Jersey DEP, US EPA determined that the

project meets all applicable New Jersey and federal regulations,

they will issue a draft permit that will be subject to public

notice and comment similar to them to this forum. You'll have

the opportunity to comment on that permit when it is issued in

draft form.

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Note that all federal and New Jersey air quality regulations, including health based ambient air quality standards are subject to a comprehensive public involvement process. New Jersey DEP has excellent and transparent public involvement for rule making rule makings similar to the what the meeting is this evening. Again, note that air quality standards are developed by a team of environmental health experts.

Such as medical doctors, biologists, toxicologists, atmospheric scientists and environmental engineers. Lastly, the air permit will contain emission limits monitoring, ongoing testing and reporting requirements. The emissions will be monitored continuously and reported in New Jersey DEP to prove compliance with the air quality permit limits. Lastly, ongoing operational oversight.

By the New Jersey DEP, US EPA will provide assurance that



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emission commitments are met, that is through such things as

stack testing, compliance audits and regular emissions reporting.

Next slide please So what is an Emissions Control Technology

Assessment? It is an analysis of potential emission reductions to

achieve compliance with federal and state emission control

requirements.

And as part of their permit application, the applicant did

perform that analysis and major items from that assessment are

highlighted below. The project emissions of nitrogen dioxide

and volatile organic compounds are controlled to the lowest

levels achievable in the United States, as demonstrated by the

regulatory assessment deemed as the lowest achievable emission

rate analysis.

Emissions of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and carbon

monoxide are controlled to the lowest levels achievable for the

selected combustion turbine technology and site design,

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again as demonstrated by the best available control

technology assessment and then greenhouse gas emissions are the

lowest level achievable. the United States from a natural gas

fired electric generating station for the selected

combustion turbine design.

And site location, again as demonstrated by the best

available control technology assessment. And lastly, note

again that the natural gas used at the Keasbey Energy Center will

be the same natural gas used by homes in Middlesex County for

cooking, heating, businesses and other industrial users. Next

slide please. So this slide is discussing air quality modeling

and as part of air quality modeling.

The demonstration is for demonstrating compliance with

the New Jersey DEP and US EPA Ambient Air Quality Standards.

And what are those standards? The air quality

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standards are set levels that are deemed to be protective of

human health for people classified under these US EPA's

definition of a sensitive group population, and this includes

sensitive groups such as children, the elderly, and

persons with preexisting respiratory illness. Air quality

modeling studies are used to calculate.

The potential air quality impacts of projects and to

ensure that New Jersey air quality is protected from

potential emissions, the project did undergo an air quality

modeling analysis, which is included in the air permit

application, and that analysis demonstrated compliance with

federal and state air quality standards. Some important items

to note from that assessment.

Where the analysis included offsite major air emission

sources than the local area that were modeled with the proposed

electric generation station, the analysis did include air quality

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monitoring data from existing air quality monitors as part of a cumulative impact modeling demonstration. The modeling analysis did demonstrate compliance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, air toxic human health risk thresholds, and a note that the modeling was based on worst case emissions.

That will be included in the NJDEP air permit with ongoing operational oversight by the NJDEP and US EPA as discussed earlier. This concludes the Title V air quality permit portion of the presentation and like I'd like to turn over the meeting back over to Scott. Thank you.

Thank you, Darin. And with that, we will turn to Mike Floyd, who is a partner at Archer and Grenier PC, and he will discuss some of the other permits that this project will need to apply for. Mike, the floor is yours. Mike, you may be

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on mute.

Thank you, Scott. Apologies for the delay there. As you can see here in Slide 20, in connection with the Keasbey Energy Center, there will be additional NJDEP permits that are required. The 1st 3 permits you see there are the Upland Waterfront development permit, the flood hazard area permit and there will be certain general permits with respect to impacts to the freshwater wetlands. These permits are required in connection with modifications to associated facilities that are located in the Waterfront Development Area, as well as portions of the proposed Keasbey Energy Center located in the Waterfront Development Area, which will likely include concrete pads and related site improvements. These applications for these permits will be part of a multi-permit application that will be submitted to the NJ DEP Land Resource Protection Program. Also at the bottom of Slide 20,

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we will be submitting an application for an object these

general authorization for stormwater discharge.

Which will allow the discharge of stormwater during

construction activities associated with the construction

the Keasbey Energy Center and that application will be

submitted to the NJDEP Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control. Go

to Slide 21 please, Scott. The project will also require an

application to the Bureau of Environmental Engineering and

Permitting.

For a Division of Water Quality Treatment Works approval, also

known as a TWA permit, that is related to sanitary, sewer and

process water discharge, also known as gray water discharge.

An application will also be submitted to the Division of

Water Engineering and Geoscience for water main extension related

to potable water supply required for the Keasbey Energy Center.

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And lastly, an application will be submitted to

the Tidelands Resource Council for Tidelands license as the state of New Jersey has claims over all lands now or formally flowed by tidal waters. But these are the additional NJDEP permits that the that CPD anticipates will be required in connection with the keys be energy Center.

If you want to shift then I guess the slide 22, yes, thank you, Mike. This will kick off the public information or sorry the public comment session of this presentation. I would like to turn it over to Deborah Rosen to lead this.

Thank you, Scott. Again, we're putting up the ground rules for participation. We have a lot of people on the line and we want to make sure that everyone that wants to speak hopefully gets that opportunity. Again, this session is still being recorded as all the comments will be as well and will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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Everyone will be still on mute until you were unmuted once you were called on to make your comment.

Again, if you would like to comment, raise your hand. I see that we have 18 people that have raised their hand. Given the number registered for tonight, we wanted to get priority and commenting to those in Woodbridge Township. So if those who have already raised their hand, if you could un-raise it for now.

And if you're from Woodbridge Township, please, please raise your hand. We will get to the others after, but we do want to give priority since this project that the host of the project is in Woodbridge Township and we do want to give priority to those that live in Woodbridge. Again, please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

We will give you a reminder after three minutes and ask that



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you wrap up your comments. At that point, we encourage anyone

with comments, even if you make one tonight, to send them in

writing. Also to Scott at his e-mail address. There at the

bottom skjellberg@cpv.com.

We are not responding to those questions and comments at this

time, but there will be activity by CPV to respond to questions

that are related to this permit modification in the project and

again, I don't think this will be necessary, but any personal

attacks will be commented upon and that individual muted and if

necessary removed from the meeting. But again, thank you

for joining us tonight. I see we have 9, just one Scott gonna

pull up slide 23. So for people that want to provide written

comments via mail, they have your address, speed that up. OK,

Thank you, Mike. Yes, so these written comments submitted to

Scott, this is his written address as well as his e-mail is

listed there.

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I also wanted to note that given the number of people we have that we will, we are, we plan to extend until 8:30 and just wanted to make that we're not going to cut people off if you're speaking at 8:30, we're not going to, we're not going to do that, but we do have to in the interest of everyone, we hope to get to everyone's comments. But I will note that we are extending for a full 2 hours of comments, but we'll.

Plan to have a hard stop at 8:30. Thank you, Scott. I'm going to go down the list as I see with the hands raised and we see Ed Sofield.

Hello. I'm ready. Yes. You have the floor. OK, here we go. The question about the EPA quality is already been proved that it's EPA efficient.

My big question here is that is there a need for electric now and there is a need for electric now. There's 10s of thousands of

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people moving into downtown and Woodbridge and the surrounding

areas. Because of all the affordable housing and living

accommodations being made available. Now in the

surrounding communities of Woodbridge #2, the governor, the

governor has mandated that there has to be clean electric power,

the only way we can get clean electric power right now in

quantity that we need,

is to have natural gas, which is documented as the cleanest

and most efficient of all the gases, and fossil fuels and

nuclear energy, which is contaminated. The governor has

mandated charges for all electric cars, electric police

corps, school buses, ovens, furnaces, trains, tractor

trailers, all electric.

There is a need for electric 10s of thousands of people moving to

this area. They have families. There's a need for electric.

That is the question. The need for electric, it's there with

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the new construction of a train bridge in South Amboy that's going to be vertical. That train bridge will open up around and center and it's going to be a need for electric in route and center because it's going to become Newport Elizabeth and that means electric, more electric power.

Curves and also Woodbridge. Woodbridge has taken the force of putting a new power plant in. That's going to make us completely independent in case another Sandy happens. If another Sandy happens, we were down for four weeks prior. Now we're going to have the independence to support Woodbridge and to come out surrounding communities with power. We will be independent for all the people and their families.

This this, this company was originally there, spent \$300 million on remediating the worst contaminated area in the state

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of New Jersey. There's nuclear waste down there. It's been

reconditioned, it's being used, and they promised to put a

waterfront park in with a boat ramp so finally we can get

access again to the Raritan River. In the 40s, fifties and

60s, people used the Raritan River with the with the Keasbey

Boat Club.

They're going to put a park in the air. It's going to spill new

jobs and relief for the people of the area so

they don't have to travel long distances. Also this three-year

project will involve 100 skilled trades people in

building jobs for 1000 people over a three-year time period

and the new waterfront park will help spur more of this.

What else do I have to say?

That's it. There is a need for the electric. There is a need.

We need it. There's no doubt about it. You could talk while

you want about emissions, but that is not the point right now.

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The people are here. They need the power. We need to clean up

that, the remediation of the \$300 million they spent once.

And now they're going to spend more money to put a waterfront

park in here and spur jobs. There's going to be 40 jobs for

the people that work in the plant is going to be continuing

maintenance.

And there's going to be 1000 construction jobs for the people

in this area that need work to support their families, send

them to school and pay taxes. OK, if you want clean energy,

you need electric. If you want electric, you need natural gas.

The three minutes is up. I appreciate it. I did neglect to

remind everyone to give your name and your Township when you

first.

Start your comments. So Mr. Sofield, if you could just

quickly give your name at Sofield. I live in Woodbridge,

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NJ. I bought the building trades for 50 years. I was a public

school teacher. I have a graduate degree degree from

Trent State, Rutgers and Industrial Education. I can tell

you that there is a need for power to keep the people warm.

Thank you, Sir. I appreciate your comments. Next up is Ann

Poole.

If she can be unmuted, please. And Miss Poole, could you please

give your name for the record and also your Township where you

Yes, I sorry about that folks. We can try again and if you

could take yourself off mute, we had a lot of feedback.

Goodness, we will circle back to you and you may have two

devices on and that sometimes provides 2 computers. I don't.

No, no, I can. I can pass on this because I couldn't. I

couldn't. I'm very sorry. And but I had to I had to mute you.

We would welcome written comments if you would like, but

it's impossible to understand you at this point. We're sorry.

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Next up, James Zabrowski. Again, please say your name and your

Township and if you're representing any entity or

company or group, please let us know.

Yes, Jimmy Dobrowski. I am representing the Perth Amboy

Area Branch NAACP. I'm the secretary. I'm a lifelong

resident of Woodbridge Township. I'm a proud Perth Amboy public

schools teacher and most importantly, I'm the father of a

10 year old child. When my son was just one year old we had to

rush him to the hospital in an ambulance because he could

hardly breathe. We soon learned that he had asthma, which is

sadly becoming more and more common in our area due to the

increasing air pollution.

We should be looking for ways to reduce air pollution, not the

opposite. CPV already has one massive fossil fuel power plant

in Keasbey that has been spewing out toxins nonstop since 2016. The



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last thing we need is another massive fossil fuel plant right

next to it, as that would literally double the amount of

pollution. CPV's own reports admit this frightening fact,

which is why they're not allowed to proceed with the proposed

project, without an air pollution permit from Governor Murphy's

Department of Environmental Protection, CPV literally,

literally needs permission from the Murphy administration to

further pollute the air of our already overburdened

environmental justice community. I honestly don't expect CPV to

do the right thing and withdraw the permit application as their

corporation and their objective is to make more money.

But I do expect Governor Murphy and his New Jersey Department of

Environmental Protection to deny the air pollution permits as

their objective is supposed to be to protect us and our

environment from profit driven corporations who frankly don't

care what the effects of their pollution have on us and our

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environment. As a member of our nation's oldest and largest  
civil rights organization, I was at our 113th NAACP National  
Convention this past summer.

Where I'm where I'm proud to say that we passed the resolution  
calling for the end of all new fossil fuel exploration,  
extraction and infrastructure. The resolution cited the  
alarming 2022 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report,  
the IPCC report. According to the sobering report, more air  
pollution is the last thing that needs to happen anywhere on our  
planet. What needs to happen is political courage, stated  
environmentalist Inger Anderson.

Who serves as the Executive Director of the United Nations  
Environment Program. Speaking of political courage, we're proud.  
We're so proud of the continuously growing number of  
municipalities that have formally stood against the

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proposed power plant by passing resolutions in opposition to it.

Now we just need Governor Phil Murphy and our New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protections to find that same

courage.

And deny this dangerous and unnecessary polluting project.

So if Governor Murphy and his DEP see this report on this

video, and I hope they do, please step up. Do what's right

for us, the people of Woodbridge Township of New Jersey. Thank

you. Thank you. Next up on the list, Celeste again, please.

Your name and Township.

OK. I'm unmuted. Yes, Yes. You are just making sure. Yes.

Celeste Percano. I'm from Woodbridge Township, Colonia.

I'm a retired Woodbridge Township teacher. Well, first of

all, there isn't anything natural about a natural gas

power plant. It's methane and we need to call it that. Methane is

80 times more powerful during the 1st 20 years after it is

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released into the atmosphere. 1 molecule of methane is

equivalent to 23 molecules of CO<sub>2</sub>.

It's 25 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> attracting heat, and 93% of

that heat is absorbed by our oceans. So all of this, these

continued greenhouse gas emissions raise the threats of

sea level rise and severe storms already affecting New Jersey

residents. I have questions. I know you won't answer them now,

but I just would like to bring them out. Just how transparent

and accurate is your reporting of greenhouse gas emissions?

Advances in satellite and computer analysis have enabled

information about emissions to be tracked independently and in

real time. Scientists can now assign responsibility for these

emissions to companies such as CCPV, so that you are held

accountable for the methane pollution accuracy and reporting

emissions must include what is invisible to the human eye, for

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example.

Optimal gas imaging cameras can show the invisible VOC, the VOC's emitted. Your air permit application already admits to an additional 49.9 tons of VOC's for this expansion. Are you measuring only what can be seen? Governor Murphy has pledged a 100% clean energy state by 2035. How does your fracked gas power plant fit into this plan?

How will you address the disastrous consequences of this expansion? No set of regulations can prevent accidents that will impact people's health, drinking water and land. It is the height of irresponsibility to expand this case. Be or any methane power plant at this time. When the climate crisis demands that we move off fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy, time is running out.

It's not 2016 anymore when the first CPV plant slid in and the community was ultimately led to believe that there would be a

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clean up of a contaminated site. This time we, the public are aware of the deception and we will continue to fight for for environmental justice. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, Jean Roy.

Hi, thank you. I've been a resident of Woodbridge for about 18 years on the Colonia section. First I'd like to say I wish our town council would oppose this project. I suffer from asthma and mostly get it in the summer related to air pollution.

We don't. We have enough pollution here. It's amazing. We have ports in the area, the Turnpike on the Parkway go through town. There's already existing power plants and one of the things we need to do is move as quickly as possible from any away from any fossil fuel. But it if is necessary temporarily to have a, you know, a methane plant that pollutes less than coal or oil.

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And it was mentioned that you can replace the power from some of those. Why don't they shut down some of those coal and oil power plants and site a cleaner natural gas plant? There would be lot less opposition saying, hey, we're going to cut everything to a fraction by replacing the old plant. Don't add more pollution here. That's the only way I can see any justice in building a new plant. Of course it would be nice to have a plant built.

And once some of the more affluent in pretty areas because they get away without having any dirty industry in the area. But I'm very, very opposed to this plant. We've got enough pollution here in the Woodbridge area, this part of New Jersey

And I support our friend from the NAACP and I should mention I'm also a member of the Sierra Club since 1972. I'm not officially representing the club this though, so I would like to know what.

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Other options there are if someone thinks they really need to build this plant, put it somewhere where it can actually reduce the pollution that's already there. Thanks. That's all I have to say, except I strongly urge the governor, the DEP, to reject this permit. Thank you. Thank you, Sir. Next up, John Sidote again. Name and Township, please, when you start your comments.

Are you able to unmute him, Scott? I'm not able to unmute.

And you unmute. There. There you go. I'm unmuted. There we go.

All right. Thank you. All right. My name is John Sidoti from Woolbridge Township. I'm a longtime activist and organizer, born and raised right here in Woolbridge. I've worked with four and alongside many groups, covering a wide range of issues, climate being among the most important.

Most of those projects, activist projects, were out of state or



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in New York City. So I consider this project here the one I'm

I'm being acted for now and opposing now to be among the

very top and the most important because it is a local issue and

it seems like the creeping climate crisis has crept ever

closer. I'd like to start by thanking everybody else in the

call who's opposing this, this project, this, the second CPV

gas plant.

For carving some time out of your day off or your night off,

your evening off. To be here and impose this with me truly is an

honor. To stand shoulder to shoulder with everybody as we

fight. To make Woodbridge and the surrounding townships and

municipalities healthier, safer places to live, work and raise

our families. Speaking of family, eight months ago I

became a new father. And much like parents, my parents and

their parents before them, I'd like to raise my children right

here in Woodbridge.

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I think my daughter, and indeed our children collectively, should have the opportunity to grow up in a community that's as healthy as and environmentally educated and friendly as it was when I grew up here. Environmental justice is a basic human right. Without it, populations, disadvantage and otherwise are subject to the decisions and ambitions of corporations and executives who see no value in the health concerns of residents living around and next to their operations. The construction of another plant in Keasbey would further negatively impact and already overburdened community. It would make the Keasbey Energy Center, the largest pollution contributor in the state, and would defy outright and contradict forthcoming and existing climate legislation and initiatives recently announced by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, seeking to hit a goal of 100% clean energy generation by

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2035. It would have far reaching impacts for many communalities

for many communities, Township and municipalities around

Woodbridge as well and as opposed by many environmental

groups and committees from said towns.

How is doubling the emissions by constructing another plant

environmentally responsible? How does this not violate the spirit

of environmental justice laws? How does it not fail the

minority and low-income families living in close proximity to

CPV's operations? How often during the proposal planning and

construction and operation of these kinds of projects are the

potential Health and Human impacts of operations measured

and adjusted? How would the operation of this plan benefit

the residents of Woodbridge and the surrounding areas?

The CPV spokespeople mentioned that there would be no new

stressors, but conveniently omit that those same stressors will

be doubled and dramatically increased. They mentioned that

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this gas is no different from the gas residents of Middlesex

County used to heat their homes, cook, and use hot water. If the

residents of Middlesex County are already living in heated

homes with hot water and fully cooked food, what exactly do we

need either plant for, but especially another one?

As a resident of Woodbridge, one that's lived here his entire

life, as I mentioned in the beginning, I oppose and reject

this proposal for a second plant in casing. Thank you. Thank you.

Next up, Laura Eulig Smith. And I apologize in advance if I

mispronounce your name. Good evening. I just, I'm wondering.

Has anybody calculated how much green space or plantings would

offset the amount of emissions that would be set off or given

out by this proposed power plant? I mean, it would just put

things into perspective of how detrimental the pollution will

be. I mean, I know you know, whatever it it's allowed or.

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It's controlled to the lowest whatever. But I mean, it doesn't

mean our health is not affected. So I mean, I'm just curious how

many acres of green space we would need to offset this. It's

crazy. Thank you for your comments.

Next up, Chris Noll. And again, if you could state your name

when you start your comments in your town, the Township you're

you live in. Hello. My name, yeah, is Chris Noll. I live in

Fort Lee, NJ OK Yeah, I'm kind of with Empower New Jersey and

Food and Water Watch. So, you know, I'm generally against the

construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure for climate and

environmental justice reasons anywhere.

But I understand that the DEP at least is restricted by

legislation and needs to operate on a granular level. So I'm

going to try and go a bit granular. So as stated on the DEP's

Environmental Justice website, the Department's

authority under the law applies in circumstances where 3

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criteria are met that the existing facility is one of

eight types of facilities enumerated. In the end, the

applicant seeks Department, Permit or Approval enumerated.

In the end, the facility is located.

Supposed to be located in whole or in part in an overburdened

community as defined by the app, considering the hundreds of tons

of air pollutants the new plant would produce, it should qualify

as a major source of air pollution, meaning it would be

one of the eight types of facilities enumerated in the

APP. And we know that Keasbey, Woodbridge, Woodbridge Township

is a minority community and according to DEP's EJ map.

The block proof value combined stressors total is 21, which

means 21 of the 26 stressors are adverse, so it is obviously a

highly overburdened community. The adverse stressors for

Woodbridge Township include ground level ozone cancer risk

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from air toxics excluding diesel PM as well as non cancer risk

from air toxic according to information in the air permit  
application.

Presented here and then other documents, about somewhere

around 148 tons of nitrogen oxides and around 51 tons of

VOCs would be emitted from the new plant. So these would seem

to be a large increase over the current Woodbridge Energy

Center. And NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs are precursors to ground level

ozone, so these emissions would most certainly cause.

The number of days above standard for ground level ozone

to increase, It's supposed to not be allowed under the

environmental justice law. And I wonder can a company use ozone

credits in an environmental justice community? And is CPV

pursuing ozone credits for this plant? And I know that Governor

Murphy said that the environmental justice rules will

be released in April.

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If this plant would not be approved under the environmental justice law, as the rules are written so far, it cannot be approved. The permit application needs to be rejected, or at least any decision on the permit application must be postponed until after the rules go into effect. If the air permit somehow suddenly gets approved before April, after over six years review, do you think we'd have any faith left in the DEP at all?

If somehow it looks like this plant could get approved under the laws as they are written so far, then the DEP should change the rules so it won't be approved. NJDEP - This is your chance for those NJDEP people out there who are listening to not hamstring yourselves in the future like you are by other legislation. Governor Murphy and the DEP can't play both sides of the ball and allow this plant to beat the buzzer by one month



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before the EJ rules go into effect and then parade

themselves.

3 minutes are up. So could you just wrap up quickly? Sure.

Yeah. What good would environmental justice law really

serve? Facility like this could get approved in such an

overburdened community like Woodbridge, Governor Murphy and

DEP must deny this unnecessary polluting project. Thank you.

Thank you. And again we're just trying to keep on track. So

everybody that wants to speak can. Next up. Actually, I did

wanna note, I'm sorry. I just wanna make sure that if anyone

else from Woodbridge has had a chance to speak because

I we've just wanted to see if there's

anyone else from Woodbridge who had had who hasn't spoken who

would like to. Sorry, Deborah. We can keep going. I just. Yeah,

I wanted to. No, I understand. Scott, I was gonna see if

these next couple were from Woodbridge and we could make

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sure. But Angela, Are you ready to speak? Yes. Thank you. If you could just take.

Put your name on for the record and where you're from. Hi,

my name is Anjali Walters. I live in Woodbridge Township. I

am just a couple, probably less than two miles away from where

this plant is going. I'm very concerned. I'm a wife. I am a

mother of three. I have already lost several members of our

family to cancer and I myself was recently diagnosed with

precancerous cells that I am now trying to decide how we're going

to go forward treating.

And we eat healthy. We take care of ourselves. I'm 41 years old,

and this is just not something that anybody should have to deal

with. And as pretty as you can paint a picture of a beautiful

park and you know the waterfront, if it's polluted and

our whales are washing up and our dolphins are dying and our

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people are dying and they're sick and our children are sick,  
  
it doesn't matter.

And again, we are already overburdened. I have a pipeline  
  
going through my community. I am on a spring. We have water that  
  
likes to seep into our basement, and that water is polluted  
  
because you've chosen to put gas pipelines through our  
  
communities and now you're fracking more dangerous gases  
  
and polluting our environment and even more so.

I understand the need for power. I understand that we are, you  
  
know, increasing our populations and I understand all of that.

But we can get away from this. It is completely irresponsible  
  
to keep damaging the health of our communities and the  
  
environment when we have better ways. You guys are already  
  
investing in solar and wind energy. There are other things  
  
you can do.

The sides continue to pollute an already overburdened community

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and I understand the need for jobs. But you cannot risk the  
lives and help of our children and your husbands and your wives  
and your parents for a beautiful park and for a job for a  
year or two years, because this is going to affect us for 50  
years, 100 years, who knows?

So we just have to do our best. And I hope and pray that you  
know the right decisions are made and that you put people in  
our environment and our animals and our lives first. Thank you.  
That's all I have. Thank you. Next up, Max Smith again. Name  
and Township, please.

Yes, good evening. My name is Matt Smith. I live in New  
Brunswick, NJ. I'm speaking on behalf of Food and Water Watch.  
Food and Water Watch is a nonprofit organization with  
70,000 members and superiors across the state of New Jersey,  
including over 300 in Woodbridge residents who are amendments.

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Food and Water Watch we are strongly opposed to be the second major.

Possible to fire power plants and gas power plants, fill in

with rates since 2016. It's an overburdened community that the

governor made a strongly binding commitment to stop the

disproportionate siting, and that's exactly what CPV is

proposing.

What makes it even more flagrant and worse is none of the power

that would be produced by this power plant would be sold or

available to Jersey residents and businesses. 100% of the

power from this plant will be sold out of state for profit,

while the pollution would stay here, not just in Woodbridge and

not just in Keasbey, but in for the Amboy and in the dozens of

these that surround and are located downwind.

From the PRO facility, we are in a climate crisis. You're still

dealing with public health crisis that is far worse in

cases like Keasbey, like keep these stuff almost twice as high

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mortality rates during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the preexisting home conditions and other health conditions. And we know that the fossil fuel industry is responsible.

Largely for those pre-existing conditions, both health compensation published a study that concluded that there are three million deaths per year. They're directly attributed to fossil fuel burning, like these proposed second proposed power plants. But this is unnecessary. New Jersey does not need this power. It's not designed for New Jersey. This company is not planning to go before the Board of Public Utilities to provide power. It's strictly a profit play.

From out of state, out of country multinational corporation to profit off of looting our lungs and our health. And Governor Murphy must deny and reject this project.

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Thank you.

Thank you. Again, We are trying to do a priority for Woodbridge residents, so I want to make sure that that we get that priority right now. Rebecca Schiff, you're next on the list here, are you? You need to unmute yourself. Can you hear me?

Now we can hear you. Yes, yes. Good evening. I'm, I'm not from Woodbridge, I am from Metuchen, NJ with which is about within a three mile radius of the existing power plant. I would just like to begin by saying that the Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres recently.

Made the following statement at a World Economic Forum and I quote today's fossil fuel producers and their enablers are still racing to expand production. Knowing full well that this business model is inconsistent with human survival, how can CPV today, not 6-7 years ago?

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in terms of what we know about the adverse health effects

justify another toxic fossil fuel plant next to an existing

one in a community that is already being exploited and

overburdened, I ask that Governor Murphy and the DEP deny

this unnecessary polluting project. Thank you. OK.

Yeah we want to give priority to Woodbridge residents. We will

try to give to everyone if you which resident that still wants

to speak. Could you unmute yourself right now and I will

call on those residents so have all of them are Mr. Cliff

you are you a Woodbridge resident that wants to speak? No

I'm not a Woodbridge resident. OK.

I have all the Woodbridge residents that want to speak

unmuted themselves. And are you gonna throw it that way? No. We

are going to get to the other speakers. We Woodbridge

residents are part of the community. That is a focus for



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us at this point. But we will go on. If all the Woodbridge

residents have spoken, we will go on to the others. Hello, this

is Roger. I'm from Woodbridge.

Hi Roger, what is your last name and you're from Woodbridge,

Roger Wilson Forge in Woodbridge, we live less than

one mile from the CPV power plant. The air quality here is

already very bad. Why do we need another additional gas fired

power plant in the Woodbridge area and where does where does

the electricity go and what benefit from this plant and

when will the environmental impact

statement be complete? How much additional harmful chemicals

will be polluting the air? And we ask Governor Murphy and the

DEP please deny this unnecessary project. I'm on the line with

Roger Wilson. This is Connie Nobile.

I live, we live a mile away from the first power plant and

totally disagree with another power plant in the area. It's,

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you know, we have a chemical plant down the road. We had a factory a block away that they are now doing environmental remediation. I mean and.

Why did 10 towns vote against this power plant? So I I can't believe that this is going to be a benefit. I don't understand how it's going to benefit us. It isn't and well, yeah, I mean maybe somebody else from another you know one of these beautiful areas would they want a power plant in their backyard? I don't think so. I mean I just don't understand why a second power plant is necessary.

And I have relatives that live in towns Edison, Milltown, East Brunswick, you know, with medical problems that they, I mean they're against it. So I am asking Governor Murphy and the DEP and the EAP and everyone please oppose this power plant. It's totally unnecessary and not good for our health.

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Thank you. Thank you. On to Pranita Bijlani. Yes. Can you

hear me? Yes. My name is your name. Name in Township. Thank

you. You were gonna do it? Yes. My name is Pranita Bijlani. I

live in Rahway and I noticed that the public hearing noticed

meeting date originally said 2022.

Will there be an extension of the public comment period due to

the errors in the notice? Why was the notice not also written

in Spanish as the community, as the Keasbey community, it most

effects is largely Spanish speaking. Will there also be a

hearing in Spanish? I and others spoke to hundreds of people in

Keasbey and not one knew of this environmental justice hearing

and in fact no one knew about the building of this plant.

Do you think that is in the spirit of the environmental

justice law? The DEP website on environmental justice refers to

the EPA definition and states that meaningful involvement

means that people have an opportunity to participate in

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decisions about activities that may affect their environment.

And or health the public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision. Community concerns will be considered as in the decision-making process, and decision makers will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected. Administrative Order 2021-25 states that public hearings will be mandatory and conducted in a manner consistent with the EJ law so as to maximize public participation.

In what ways have you sought out and facilitated the involvement of those potentially affected? Are you planning to have in person hearings in the community? Will any be conducted in Spanish? The EJ law states that the applicant organizes and conducts a public hearing in the overburdened community. The permit applicant shall publish a notice of the public of the

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public hearing in at least two newspapers, including one local

non-english language newspaper. Was that done?

Administrative Order 21-25 states that the DEP strongly

encourages each applicant to engage directly with individuals

in the overburdened community in advance of, in advance of, and

in addition to formal public comment, including providing

relevant information related to facility wide impacts. Has that

been done? As an interested party, I would like to comment

to provide information regarding existing conditions within the

overburdened community.

And potential facility wide environmental and public health

stressors that could result in adverse impacts upon the

overburdened community in the event of approval. Keasbey

already has a great many industrial facilities including

CPV one. What would be the environmental and health impacts

of adding each of the following the additional 149 nitrogen tons

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of nitrogen oxides?

The additional 124 tons of particulate matter, the  
additional 49.9 tons of volatile organ organic compounds, the  
additional formaldehyde and lead among hazardous air pollutants,  
the additional 2.3 million tons of greenhouse gases and the  
additional 2.292 tons of carbon monoxide.

Additional tons of ammonia, sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid. I  
would like to know the, the impacts of each one of those and  
whether studies are done. Wrapping it up, please or, yeah,  
bring this up and we wanna make sure everybody can speak. Thank  
you. Yes. So just you know what, what studies have been done on  
the stressors that were put into place by CPV one and what  
additional stressors would be created by CPV two those my,  
those are my questions. Thank you so much. Thank you.

Next, Carol Gay Again. Name and Township please. Yes, Good

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evening. You can hear me, right? Yes. OK. Yes. My name is Carol

Gay. I live in Ocean County, Brick Township. But as you know,

the climate in crisis impacts all of us, no matter where we

are.

I'm here to oppose this project and to urge you to cancel plans

for this Keasbey power plant and to urge DEP to deny the air

permit. Woodbridge and Middlesex County residents do not need

another polluting, dirty, polluting power plant, and you

have not done an environmental impact study. When are you going

to do the environmental impact study?

I am retired CWA Communication Workers of America national

representative, and I'm now president of the New Jersey

State Industrial Union Council, a statewide labor federation

representing 10s of thousands of public and private sector

workers and their families here in New Jersey. And we recognize

the serious and immediate threat.

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Posed by the climate crisis. That's why we are advocating for immediate and bold action, which includes no new fossil fuel projects. We do not see climate protection as an optional issue for labor because keeping fossil fuels in the ground is necessary to protect workers and their families. We want no more harmful pollution pumped into our neighborhoods, causing more health problems for families.

Middlesex County does not need a 7th dirty, polluting power plant this it's already overburdened. This community demands that you halt this unnecessary project. Now you were doing a huge disservice to the community and surrounding areas. People deserve to breathe clean air.

With rising sea levels, you and raging temperatures both high and low, more intense and more frequent climate catastrophes are inevitable. Unless action is taken immediately to reverse



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this trajectory, the window of effective opportunity is closing

fast. We have only a few short years to reverse this dangerous path to disaster.

And in addition, renewable energy and new technologies are making fossil fuels obsolete. There are cleaner and better alternatives for energy now. Use them. Fossil fuels are burning up planet earth with serious health and safety consequences for workers, our families, and life as we know it. I have 7 grand nieces and I want them to have a future, as I'm sure you want the same thing for your families.

Cancel this project now, for all our family's sakes, before it is too late. Thank you. Thank you. Phil Schultz again. Raritan River Keeper, I believe. If you could please identify yourself on you yourself. Identify yourself, your Township, and who you're representing.

Yes, Bill Schultz. I'm the Raritan River keeper based out

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of Keasbey, and when the first power plant came through, we were promised a series of walkways around freshwater wetlands, Walkways around the salt marsh, with educational signage and public access to the Raritan River via a kayak launch or some sort of a boat launch in the area.

All this had a implementation schedule and a opening dates and none of it is falling through. I have to believe that this demonstrates the company's commitment to the any amenities that they promised us. And far as I can see, they're not coming through with any of it and no reason to think that they're going to hold through their promises that they're picking now. So we'll stand opposed to this plan. Thank you.

Thank you. Next, Daniel Hayden, again, state your name and Township and if you're representing a party or entity.

Hello, can you hear me? Can you hear me OK? Yes, you can.

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Great. My name is Dan Hayden. I live 2.3 miles from the proposed power plant in Metuchen. I live here with my son and wife.

At the age of two years, my son was admitted to the ICU unit in New Brunswick with radical airway disease. He couldn't breathe. We couldn't understand what it was.

And he was admitted to the ICU there and held there for a week.

Since then, he's been taking three medications daily to keep his radical airway disease under control. Radical airway diseases is an extreme form of asthma. And these medications that he currently takes minimize his RAD radical airway disease to asthma. No one knows how these medications impact his health.

Going forward and how they interact with each other and

what they do to his life expectancy, Middlesex County

already receives an F rating from the American Lung

Association for high levels of ground level ozone. If approved,

this plant will be permitted to double that amount of CO2 by

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adding yet another fuel power plant to the 6th that we already have in

Middlesex County. This would be the 7th. Our air quality will

clearly be further degraded and as a result our life expectancy

of all the residents here will be further reduced. So what did

the calculation of what it would take to offset this pollution?

There's a proposal here in Metuchen to plant 6000 trees.

To try to offset some of this pollution, each tree would be a

carbon sink of about 50. So 6000 trees would reduce the

carbon emitted by 300,000 pounds annually, which is 150 tons of

CO<sub>2</sub>, and that absolutely completely pales in comparison

to the 2.3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> that the proposed CPV power plant currently emits,

and the second one will also emit Metuchen would actually have to

plant 100 million trees to offset the carbon. And that's

only the carbon. That's to say nothing of the other toxins that

are being spewed forth in incredible amounts. Why are you

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building an antiquated, outmoded fossil fuel power plant when the

state of New Jersey is currently building and planning for

offshore wind?

I disagree with Mayor McCormack. All the turf and ball fields

that this project supports in Woodbridge is not worth the

toxic air. I'm with Indivisible Central New Jersey. We're an

organization with some 400 members in the area, all of whom

are affected. And we demand that Governor Murphy and the DEP deny

this anti plated and toxic project. Thank you for your part

in this, your role in this effort. Thank you.

Thank you, Sir. Ted Glick, please identify your Township,

municipality and if you're representing a party as well as

your name. Thank you. Yes. Can you hear me? Yes. Yeah. My name

is Ted Glick. I live in Bloomfield. I'm the president of

the organization 350 New Jersey Rockland. And I honestly kind of

feel like just definitely thanking

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by Daniel Hayden. I'm just almost seconding what he said.

I'm. I have a 2 year old grandson and to think about my grandson going through what Daniel's son went through is difficult. But let me get to what I wanted to say. I mean, a lot of what I want to say has been said just to underline certain things I want to.

Call attention to the fact that two weeks ago Governor Murphy said that the new policy for the state of New Jersey is to get the 100% clean renewable energy by 2035 instead of 2050. That's actually a really radical idea to chop 15 years off and it's a it's a good goal, but.

This project and the other six fossil fuel projects around the state that are very much alive, one of them is starting to be built actually up in northern New Jersey, the Tennessee Gas pipeline project. It just, it is hard to fathom it is it is

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frankly just hypocritical and hard to hard just swallow that

And so that's why we're here because it

this talking about one thing and doing something else

just has to stop and this is a great place to stop it at this

clearly dirty, polluting, totally unnecessary, unneeded

plant that is has been said. It's all about the bottom line

for the company. That's what it is, CPV. It's all about their

bottom line.

It's time to get off of that path and onto a genuine clean

energy path. Two years ago, the International Energy Agency,

they said that as of that year, 2021, there should be an end to

the build out of new fossil fuel infrastructure in the

industrialized world, that it should just stop if we're going

to have any chance of avoiding climate catastrophe.

And here we are in New Jersey, just going against that, going

against common sense, going against

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the interests of people's lungs, their health in the surrounding area. Governor Murphy and the DEP. They must deny this unnecessary polluting project. Thank you, Linda Powell.

Hello, can you hear me? Yes, we can. OK, we know that there are myriads of adverse impacts on the health and the climate crisis of emissions from fossil from burning fossil fuel, and it would take me many hours to go over it. I have some that have various charts and graphs and articles and I would just would like to highlight one and some information from the from the American Lung Association but just to start out you know this area in Middlesex County, but beyond Middlesex County cause air pollution does not know of these man-made borders already has an F rating for air quality. Now unfortunately these projects are looked at individually. The cumulative pollution of all the toxins or of all the projects



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are not graded. The one admission that I wanted to

discuss is on the fine particulate matter I had down

there was 123.6 tons of particulate matter.

Per year, I think in your one of your slides it's in 94.9 times

per year. Small particular matter, first of all can travel

hundreds of miles and it combines with other toxins like

carcinogens and brings them deep inside the body. And from the

American Lung associated website, small particular

services carriage for other chemicals that are also toxic

and the combination may worsen the impact.

Where does the pollution come from? For the combustion of

carbon based fuels, Who is at risk? Anyone who lives where

particular pollution levels risks are high, some people face

higher risk. However, the greatest risk are infants,

children's and teens, people with lung disease, people with

heart disease, former and current smokers, people of color

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and people with low income.

And just as an aside, of course this is part of the definition

of environmental justice communities, which I even though

I live over the border in Somerset County, we are in

considering an overburdened community. Research has found

that long term exposure to particular pollution may

increase the risk of developing diabetes. It's also linked with

development of asthma children, worsening COPD in adults.

Slow lung function growth in children and teenagers,

increased risk of death from cardiovascular disease,

increased risk of heart attacks and strokes. Also, long term

exposure has been found links to cognitive effects in adults,

including reduced brain volume, cognitive decrements and

dementia. Scientists have also found evidence that particulate

pollution may impact pregnancy and birth outcomes such as

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preterm birth, low birth rate.

And fetal infant mortality. And I just want to say that could  
you start to wrap it up, please? Thank you. OK. The research has  
also confirmed that even in areas that meet the current  
official limits, this is still a problem and the short term  
exposure can lead to premature deaths.

On the very day that particulate levels are high or within one or  
two months afterwards. So, I have two questions. One is will the  
updated, stricter guidelines revised in 2018 be  
used for this permitting process? And the other is why  
would CPV not to be developing clean, renewable energy rather  
than focusing on deadly fossil fuels?

All right. Thank you. We have a lot of other people that want to  
speak, but thank you for your comments. Daniel Liberts. And  
please your name. And if you're representing, we're speaking on  
behalf of any group in your Township where you live. Yeah.

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Can you hear me? Yes, we can. All right. My name is Dan

Leiberts. I'm from Metuchen, NJ, and Middlesex County, which is like I think other a few other people mentioned there from Metuchen.

As well, we're very close to where this proposal would be. I want to speak from a maybe a slightly different perspective as a recent as someone who recently moved with their family to Metuchen, NJ. We were up in North Jersey for a little bit and we were up in Pittsburgh where I went to Graduate School for a time before moving here. And then one thing that was interesting about living in Pittsburgh all those years is how fiercely people fight air pollution issues because of their history with industry and different.

Effects of coal and the steel industry and all sorts of things that to this day are still felt deeply as Pittsburgh is one of

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the worst air quality places in the country despite the

de-industrializing a few decades ago. So it's really surprising

and interesting to me that in a community that's over already

overburdened that this such a plant like this is being

proposed in addition to other pollution issues like 3M and the

issues with the water pollution that was here.

That I, you know, was immediately greeted with as when

we moved here to know that there are forever plastics we're in

our water supply. It's very disturbing to me that there are

all these proposals about this power plant that is as we can

see it's deeply unpopular and is shown to cause all sorts

of health problems with the added air pollution it will

give. Not to mention the climate crisis that we're continually

trying to deal with at which this.

Plant would do nothing to help with and only worsen.

Finally, I'm also as a recent resident, I see tons of

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advertising for Middlesex County. I'd have to wonder why

people in Middlesex County would want something like this here if

they want to attract people like myself to move here. This is not

something that's appealing. And now that I live here, I'm kind

of almost wondering.

Should I? We have I should I brought my family to somewhere

where they think there's something like this is a good

idea and I really don't know if I I feel comfortable answering

yes. I'm also interested to note that at least 15, I think towns

have have come out against this. Over 50 community organizations

have come out against this. Who was for this? Is it simply just

the first person who was called on who's for this? Who has might

have had some very interesting and well prepared remarks in

favor. I just don't know who wants this thing here. We certainly

don't. The people who live nearby and the people, the

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company who's coming in are not from here. So I don't know why

they don't want to put it in their community if they think

it's so popular. Finally, the last two, the last slide

mentioned two things that I thought was interesting. One,

they said, oh, you know, this is going to offset all the

pollution of other places, this and that. Well, displace those

other things first if this is, if this is helping these other

out, the unit technologies, deal with that first before you build

something new.

And then secondly, they say, oh, we're gonna you know, all your

homes are heated with water heaters and natural gas trying

to almost guilt us like we're the problem. Maybe we should

just shut off our heat. Maybe that would be better. Maybe we

can have the power plan if we all we all shut off our heat and

cover ourselves in blankets. So you can Mr. Library's here

talking. Yeah. Thank you. David Hughes again. Town. If you're

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representing a group or entity and name, please. Thank you. Can

you hear me?

Very good. So my name is David Hughes. I live in Highland Park,

NJ. We are down winders of your proposed plant and your current

plant. Our town has passed a resolution against your plant as

many surrounding towns have. I also am here representing

Rutgers, a APAFT.

Which is the main union of faculty at Rutgers University.

We have passed a resolution against your plant and all new

fossil fuel infrastructure in New Jersey. I'm a professor of

anthropology at Rutgers University, and our Board of

Governors is in the process of divesting from all fossil fuel

corporations. So if we owned any of your stock, we are going to

sell those with the hope that your company goes bankrupt and

stops polluting our communities and our planet.



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I want to contest 3 claims that have been made by this

corporation that you are responsible. That is not true.

That can't be true. If you were responsible, you would take that

piece of land and you would put a battery farm there, which

would solve the assistance solving the reliability problem

that you're hyping there. And that battery farm would help

store power generated offshore by the new wind farms. And we

provide electricity.

The second claim I want to contest is your notion that

methane is less polluting than other fossil fuels. You know, of

course that's a bit absurd. That's let's like saying, well,

Agent Orange or, well, you know, DDT is not as bad as Agent

Orange when we have perfectly safe alternatives, namely wind

and solar. But even in those limited terms, the fugitive

emissions, the leaks of methane.

Are now documented and are horrible. And so the commodity

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chain that your plant would sit at the end of is worse than

coal. All right, check out the Climate Trace website. Everybody

on the line. This is being finally documented independently

the leaks from gas fields. Finally, I'll repeat cumulative

claims, as many have cumulative impacts as many have said.

Need to be documented. It's no good at all for you to say that

you are that you are adding very little because it's an

overburdened community. What don't you get about

overburdened? The life expectancy in Keasbey is already

3.5 years less than surrounding areas of Woodbridge. What do you

wanna do? You wanna bring it down more?

It is an overburdened community. I'm talking about CO2

and methane. Now the governor recognizes it. That's why he's

committed to taking us away entirely from fossil fuels. I

don't think you guys get what that burdening, overburdened

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community is not moral and certainly not responsible. I

have a little time left. I want to leave that to the green

washers from CPV.

Our friends have pointed out that you have broken your

promises in the past about various environmental amenities.

I know you won't speak about the president, but try to defend

yourselves about past broken promises. OK, greenwash that

other people that want to speak, could you please wrap it up?

Thank you, Brian Scanlon, please. Next Nick and name and

if you're representing an entity or organization.

Hi, my name is Brian Scanlon. I'm from Wyckoff. That's in

Bergen County north of Woodbridge. I'm also a former

Wyckoff mayor and council member. Bergen County, like

Middlesex County, gets a rating of F for ground level ozone from

the American Lung Association and the reason for this abysmal

grade.

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Are power plants like the one you operate, operate in

Woodbridge and the one you want to put next to it? I just want

to make a couple of comments on the opening presentation. Not

once did I hear mention of climate change, which is the

defining issue of our time. You implied in your presentation

that this new frack gas burning plant would offset coal power

plants. Which ones?

You said that this plant would add no new stressors. As regards

New Jersey's environmental justice law, isn't that

wonderful? What you're not saying is that you're wanting to

double the stressor that's already at this site, and you

can't reclaim a brownfield site by building a future brownfield

site in its place. I wonder what lies sort of lies. People who

seek to build dirty power plants tell themselves to sleep at

night.

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Throwing a few dollars at the students who suffer from the

pollution that is being created by dirty fossil fuel plants and

throwing a few dollars at the people who have to transport

them to the hospital during an asthma attack strike me as very

cruel ironies. I'll close just by saying that Governor Murphy

must walk his talk on climate and ensure that his DEP reject

the expansion.

Of the air pollution permit that CPV seeks. Thank you. Thank you,

Sir. Next up, Tina Weiss House. Name and Township, please. And

any entity you may be representing. Yes. Can you hear

me? Yes, we can. OK, My name is Tina Weiss House, and I live in

Highland Park as well. I'm here to report that not only did our

borough council.

Opposed pass resolution opposing this power plant, but our Board

of Education, our Board of Health and our green team all

opposed the construction of another gas power plant in Keasbey,

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an overburdened community just five miles from where we

live. This plant would be this CPV plant would be the second in

Keasbey, the third in Woodbridge and the 7th in Middlesex County.

We who live in this area provide more than enough energy and

inhale more than enough pollution, resulting in the F

rating from the American Lung Association that other people

have spoken about. Highland Park stands with the 13, 14, 15 and

rising other elected bodies.

Saying enough is enough, and I might point out that many of

them surround the Township of Woodbridge, including Perth

Amboy, Sayreville, Edison and Highland Park. No matter how

advanced and efficient you say your technology is, natural gas

is natural gas of fossil fuel, and burning it produces toxic

emissions and climate change.

The people of Keasbey are already living next to one large power

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plant, and somebody spoke about a chemical plant as well, and

the site is radioactive. We've been told some of it may be

cleaned up, but it sounds like there's more radioactivity

there. Adding another power plant would make the area one of

the worst polluters in the state. We say no to that and we

say no to climate catastrophe. Which additional fossil

fuels will bring CPV? You have the know how to build renewable

projects to meet energy needs. You build solar and wind around

the country. On your website you say that the first Woodbridge

power plant would pair well with solar or wind to provide grid

reliability. So why are we stuck with another gas power plant in

Keasbey deal made?

In 2008 is madness. In 2023, Governor Murphy, you made a

promise that all residents of New Jersey, regardless of

income, race, ethnicity, ethnicity, color, or national

origin, would have the right to live, work, learn, and recreate

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in a clean and healthy environment. The Environmental

Justice law you signed introduced the essential

concepts.

Of overburdened communities and cumulative impact. It requires

an EJ Impact statement. Requires an impact statement before any

project can proceed in an affected community. Although

this law has yet to be your comments, your 3 minutes is up,

so if you could wrap up, that would be.

So we can get to the others. Thank you. CPV must not be

allowed to go forward without doing an EJ impact statement.

And it would document the cumulative impact that people

are talking about. Governor Murphy, keep your promise to the

people of Keasbey, deny this gas power plant and switch to clean,

renewable energy. Provide the kind of leadership we need in

this country to build a livable future. Thank you.



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Brian Russo again, unmute yourself. Hi, my name is Brian

Russo. I'm from North Haledon, NJ, which is in Passaic, so I

used to work in the area and I have several friends in the area

as well. I am a member of Food and Water Watch, Climate Reality

Project and Sierra Club.

So me and my ex-wife agreed that we should not bring children

into this world. And one thing that you know, we didn't

necessarily agree on how to handle things. But I became a

climate activist when I realized something that many of you do

not realize. I'm 44 years old and there is very, very slight

chance of me making it to retirement age to retire and

spend my money.

I would. I will most likely die way before then because of

catastrophic climate loss caused by burning fossil fuels. Fossil

fuel industry has known about our impact, its impact on the

climate since as early as the 60s, but continues to spread

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lies and misinformation rather than take chances rather than  
develop renewable energy. So I'm wondering.

You know, and there's many people like me that aren't  
having kids as well, life expectancy is down, infertility  
is up, our air is polluted, our water's polluted, our farms are  
yielding less crops, and you guys want to propose a fossil  
fuel plant. So climate scientists agree that we need to  
end fossil fuels. But one thing that's not certain is whether or  
not we have a chance of staying below 1.5 degrees now.

Even whenever climate scientists go back to  
recalculate and remeasure, things are always worse than  
previously determined. So Governor Murphy has a goal of  
being on 100% renewables, but we are not even close to reaching  
his goals. We're not close to reaching Biden's goals, and  
we're not even close to reaching the goals of the Paris

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Agreement. It seems like the fossil fuel industry continues

to try to propose new plants and try to

grab whatever money they can and also cause whatever type of

this, you know, they basically want us to give up as

if we're not going to be able to get off of fossil fuels. So I'm

wondering, why are you not proposing a solar or wind plant?

How can you refer to yourself as responsible? Why have you not

cleaned up the park along the water as previously expected?

How can I trust any other information that you provide? Do

you figure that since the air quality is already bad enough that

it doesn't matter?

Methane gas is not green. The science is clear. This power

plant is proposing to create emissions and already

overburdened community and provided out of state. It's

going to be the biggest emissions plant in New Jersey

and there's not even any demand for this power. Temperatures are

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rising in New Jersey at a rate 2 times as faster as elsewhere in

New Jersey is already extremely vulnerable doing to being a

coastal state. Your jobs mean nothing to me.

Renewable energies would produce these jobs as well. There will

be no jobs and there will be no economy on a dead planet. I'm

asking DEP and Governor Murphy to reject this power plant and

for those involved in planning it to rethink your careers and

what you're doing here. Thank you. Paula Rogan and M.

Hi, I'm Paula Rogovin. Governor Murphy issued an executive order

in 2018 that every agency, every department board and Commission

would protect environmental justice communities. He

supported and signed the environmental justice law but

has yet to implement it on. Ask Governor Murphy. A few weeks

ago, I asked the governor about the Woodbridge power plant. He

said he didn't really know much about it. Well, here we are to

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tell him about it and why it's.

Absolutely essential that he and the DEP reject this unnecessary

polluting power plant. I have 6 grandchildren and have taught

hundreds of kindergarten and 1st grade children during the 44

years I worked in New York City public schools. I care about

Children's Health. Does Governor Murphy care about Children's

Health? Does the DEP have a commitment to Children's Health?

Children, and keys being surrounding communities like

Woodbridge Edison and Perth Amboy, are already overburdened

by multiple harmful exposures. The children are particularly

vulnerable to pollution. Last year, 136 healthcare

professionals and scientists issued a letter to Governor

Murphy and the DEP about the impacts on children and others

from the toxic brew of pollution from many sources of around.

The region from power plants to incinerators and industry

vehicles that were near the PVC power plant that's proposed for

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Newark. The data and conclusion from that report apply here.

When CPV wants to add one more power plant, the pollution,  
however big or small, will be part of the toxic brew of  
existing pollution.

It's a toxic, carcinogenic brew that impacts these communities  
as well as so many other environmental justice

communities here in Jersey, the same communities the DEP and

Governor Murphy promised to protect. It is those cumulative  
impacts on public health that are critically important for

Governor Murphy and the DEP to consider. The DEP and Governor  
Murphy must do more than just say they care about children.

Frankly, I don't believe that they care about the future of

New Jersey's children until they prove to us that they are here

to protect Children's Health. As I was writing this earlier

today, I heard Otis Redding. Singing Action Speaks

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Louder Than Words. That's so true.

A few questions I have. Does Governor Murphy care about the  
chill health of the children in the Woodbridge region? If he  
does care, the only obvious conclusion would be to reject  
the CPV power plant. Will he call on you to withdraw  
the air permit application? When will he reject this power plant?

Anjali Ramos?

Sierra Club, again, name Township you live in and entity  
you were representing? Yes. Good evening. My name is Angali Ramos  
and I'm from Lawrence Township and I'm the New Jersey State  
Director for the Sierra Club. I'm testifying today on behalf  
of over 80,000 members and supporters here in New Jersey.  
My Sierra Club colleague Tasiana Latino has will also be  
testifying in a short while. I would like to start by saying  
that New Jersey does not need an additional gas fire power  
generation as my colleague Tasiana will.

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I will explain. Additionally, New Jersey does not need all of the associated coal pollution that comes from the combustion of natural gas. The proposed construction of a 657 MW combined cycle natural gas electric generating facility at the Keasbey Energy Center located in Woodbridge must not be approved under the promulgated Environmental Justice law and they almost to be adopted New Jersey DEP rule.

Woodbridge and New Jersey, a predominantly low income community of color, is an environmental justice community with three major sources of air pollution, but also home to more than 25 schools and 48 daycares. When considering a three mile radius from the proposed plan, this area experiences significant amounts of pollution above natural averages from cancer causing air toxics, ground level, ozone and PM 2.5.

When we talk about air pollution, we know this is not



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just a single block problem. This affects us all locally,

statewide and originally, and those closest to the source are

oftentimes the most impacted. As mentioned by many of us, the

American Lung Association gives Middlesex County an F rating for

high ozone days.

Ozone not only causes and exacerbates a large number of

debilitating conditions such as asthma and heart disease, but

also causes premature deaths in older populations. Specifically,

this proposed power plant will have the potential to emit 148.7

tons per year of NO<sub>x</sub> and 49.9 tons per year of VOC's, both of

which are precursors to ground level ozone but are also

damaging to our health under own.

The entire state of New Jersey is in non attainment under the

Clean Air Act for ground level ozone or SMOCK does. How can CPV

justified the addition of 148.7 tons per year of NO<sub>x</sub> in a state

that does not meet the national Ambient air quality standard for

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ozone, does not need more gas generated power and it's

proposing to build this additional cluster of pollution

in an already overburdened EJ community. Additionally, CPV

NOx emissions credits are required for you to be able to operate this proposed power

plant. Are you acquiring NOx Credits from another state and

community that perhaps does not experience the same horrible air

quality that we do here? New Jersey Sierra Club is actively

looking into this.

Lastly, the US EPA is currently reconsidering the current ground

level ozone national standard that can potentially be even more

stringent and even harder for New Jersey to attain this

national Indian ambient air quality. So again, how does

adding yet another natural gas fire power plant help the state

in our communities? To conclude, the New Jersey's Sierra Club

opposes the construction and expansion of natural gas

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infrastructure and we will additionally be providing

technical comments. Thank you.

Kayla M Please unmute yourself. Your name, Township and if

you're speaking on behalf of an entity, OK Can you hear me? Yes,

we can. OK, so my name is Kayla. I'm located in Elizabeth, NJ.

I'm not speaking on behalf of anybody. I wanted to reiterate

one more time, Middlesex has an air quality rating of F.

I wish I had the chart near me, but we are. But this proposed

plant is surrounded by schools. It's in a lower income area.

It's already overburdened. New Jersey is especially vulnerable

with our sea levels rising twice the average level of the on the

entire East Coast. Nearly one in four children in Newark suffer

from asthma. Every. I mean, feel like everybody here has

mentioned that they have asthma. I have asthma. My family members

have asthma. We live nearby.

It doesn't matter where we live in New Jersey, any nearby

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states. They mentioned that this kind of pollution can travel

hundreds of miles. This is going to affect everybody near us. And

I'm just learning today that this power isn't even going to

help New Jersey people. It's just going to be sold to outside

states. Well, we, we suffer the consequences. Insane. Just so

they can support paying for a park and what? Paying for police

training. Like, I don't understand the benefit for

anybody in New Jersey besides CPV.

Speaking of CPV, the first plant we were promised like a park at

the last town hall. The governor mentioned that it was not the

park wasn't created because it didn't have the right air

quality for it. If we, but you guys are proposing another plant

if we already don't have enough air quality or I don't know if

the toxicity levels are too high for to build a plant, to build a

park, to build access to our Raritan river.

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If it's already too polluted, you can't even be trusted to

finish the first plant. I don't understand how you guys are

going to try to do it with another one. So already we can't

trust you CPV. The last notice was with the wrong dates that

somebody mentioned before. We're asking again, is there going to

be an extension because it put 2022 instead of 23, obviously

confusing many people. Along with that, the permit

application was not available at the link provided.

The permit application was not available at the physical

location. I believe it was the town hall. People tried to go

and get it, but they didn't know what we were talking about. The

notice wasn't published in newspapers circulating the

overburdened community. So I'm confused how we're supposed to

trust CPV when they already cannot deliver on any other

original promises. I need to see a needs assessment. I need to

see an environmental justice report. I need to see who this

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is helping. Besides CPV and your guy's bank account, obviously.

I need to see the focus moving away from earth destroying

fossil fuels. Focus on renewable energy if you want to be in our

community. Focus on solar, focus on wind. I really hope that

Governor Murphy and the DEP will deny this proposal. It sounds

like everybody is against you guys. I'm not sure. I'm not sure

how they could in good conscious past this. I'm done. Thank you.

I'm Elizabeth Dewey.

I'm concerned that everyone from Keasbey get their chance to

speak. I noticed there was someone in the chat named Lucy

who said she was from Keasbey and she had raised her hand and had

not gotten a chance to speak yet. Could you check on that

first she she's on the list.

There we are going down in order. And I can see her right

there. So I I'm happy to let her speak now and go later if you'd

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like. We should have time to get to her. We're going through

8:30. So you want me to proceed? That would be fine.

OK. My name is Liz and Dewey.

I hail from Hoboken and I'm a member of Don't Gas the

Meadowlands and Food and Water Watch New Jersey. I'm proud to

say that the City Council of Hoboken has passed a resolution

condemning this power plant and we stand in solidarity with the

people of Woodbridge and Keasbey. My heart goes out to the people of

Keasbey.

It was heartbreaking to listen to the parents here tonight

talking about their young children already suffering from

asthma and other illnesses due to the negative effects and

impacts of pollution.

Woodbridge already has one dirty power plant. The prospect of

putting another large and highly polluting facility here is down

right criminal. The lungs and lives of the residents of

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Central Jersey and beyond will be put at risk because of the

NJDEP's in action and the Governor's refusal to stop this.

And the six other fossil fuel projects New Jersey has pending.

How can New Jersey fulfill the governor's own objective of

being fossil free by 2035 if he allows a plant with 4.6 million

tons of greenhouse gas emissions every year to be built? How can

our governor, who has promised to protect the lives

of those who live in our environmental justice

communities, sleep at night when he refuses to stop a power plant

that will sacrifice the health and well-being of thousands of

elderly, immunocompromised, asthmatic, diabetic, heart and

kidney disease, young and old expectant mothers and their

unborn children?

It is an oxymoron to say that any power plant is not invasive

and harmful. And when you add that and consider it to with the



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cumulative effects of two power plants, it is hypocritical. I

call on the New Jersey Department of Environmental

Protection and Governor Murphy to save our old and infirm

and pregnant mothers and their fetus and all people at risk in

the overburdened, already polluted communities of

Woodbridge and its neighbors. Be the environmental heroes you can

be. Stop the permit for this plant now. Edit the EJ law to

protect the residents of our environmental justice

communities, now CPV, work for green energy solutions to your

power needs. We and we wrap up, please. Your 3 minutes is up and

we have a lot of people still waiting to speak. Yes, I am

done. We do not need this power plant. I am opposed. Thank you.

Thank you. Is Gina Montorio. Hello. Can you hear me? Yes, we

can. Great. My name is Christina Montorio and I'm a business

agent at Teamsters Local 469 in Hazlett, New Jersey. We're here

to support CPV's application for a permit. The first CPV project

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provided numerous union jobs to our region, along with many permanent jobs after construction was completed.

Our members rely on jobs like these to make their ends meet and support their families. In New Jersey, we applaud CPV for their commitment to using union labor, which means the highest quality of workmanship and the safest working conditions possible. Further, these projects are remediating contamination that has plagued the banks of our Raritan River for over a century as a result of the unregulated industrial uses these lands were home to in the past.

Teamsters Local 469 supports CPV in their application for the Title V and NPDES permits because this project will help remediate existing brownfields, bring revenue into the town for the people of Woodbridge, continue to provide reliable energy to our region and most importantly, we'll create family

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sustaining jobs for Teamster and other union members in our area.

We urge the NJ DEP to approve this important project. Thank  
you. Thank you.

We have about 1/2 an hour left in our extended time. I just  
wanted to call out if there are others from Woodbridge that have  
not had an opportunity to speak, unmute yourself and we will call  
on you now. Hello. I just, I wanted to ask how people on the  
phone can participate. I'm in touch with a number of people on  
the phone who are trying to.

You know, make it known they want to speak, but I don't  
recall any instructions for how they can raise their hand or  
unmute. There is at least one person with their hand raised on  
the phone, so and they will be able to unmute. I don't know if  
there's others to go past 8:30. We got a lot of people who want  
to say something.

This was scheduled for two hours. We've already scheduled

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to go beyond. Let's continue on and we'll see how far we can

get. Anybody else from Woodbridge that would like to

speak at this point. Hello. Yes, Lucy, are you from Woodbridge?

Yes, I am from Woodbridge. I am actually from Keasbey. OK. And.

I was one of the people that I actually found out about about

this power plant because someone came with a flyer to my door and

they gave me this. They gave me the information.

And I totally oppose because I have a child that has that has

asthma and also the information that was given that day was very

interesting because I live here for the past like 16 years and.

A lot of the information that, you know, we usually get. We

usually get it in the mail when anything's happening. And about

this power plant I happened to that day this person was walking

around with this information that thank God to her that I got

that information. Most of the community here in Keasbey which

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Keasbey is about probably like four or five blocks,

which is not a very big community, is

mostly Spanish, which you know, they none of the people around

me know what's happening and it's affecting their

health, this community and no one knows what's happening. I

know what's happening because fortunately I know.

English I, you know, I was born and raised here. A lot of people

around this community aren't then, you know, probably their

kids know English, but they don't, they know Spanish,

you know, and a lot of people around here are very sick. Me,

myself, I'm young and I'm very healthy, you know, healthwise,

I'm very sick and it doesn't make sense.

Think about sorry nothing to be sorry about everything that

we're living.

With the environment and everything and we're trying to

get away from everything that's happening and here we are doing

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a 7th power plant in this in in this some county huh And why they don't do in other counties huh? In this county we're we're like 6 blocks here in Keasbey we're not even we're not talking about that Keasbey is like 20 blocks we're like blocks in Keasbey. You could go around in a car, okay. And we're like a lot of kids here have asthma, a lot of kids here have seizures or sick, you know, And a lot of and a lot of people here don't even know what's happening with that power plant.

And how is it that these companies, because they have money, they could just pay off whoever and just do whatever they want and don't care about people's life. They don't care about people's health and they don't care about the environment. Nothing. Like people don't mean people don't mean nothing to them. Thank you for your comments. You

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see, it doesn't it doesn't mean nothing to them. Can you wrap it up

a little bit we are trying to get to everybody and I

understand you're trying to I under I'm sorry that I got a

little bit emotional but it does make me emotional because I'm

the one that is living in Keasbey and I'm the one who's affected.

You know, probably, you know, it respects us all. But you know

when you're living in, in the situation, it's very difficult

for you to preach to the choir, right. If you're not living the

situation, you just, you know, all these companies, they don't

live around the area. So what do they care about other people's

health or well-being right? They don't need to deal with it. We

do need to move on then. Thank you for your comments. We'll

move on to the next person.

Yeah, Ned again. Your name, the Township. And if you're speaking

on behalf of any group, can you please give instructions to

people on the phone? They're they're trying to participate

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and they're not able to. You should be able to raise your

hand by pressing star 5 Yannette.

Hi, yes, hi. Hi. My name is Yanette Ramirez. I live in a

Newark, NJ area and I am speaking in solidarity with the

Middlesex residents. Like them, we are also facing gas plants

imposed in our community.

And I, you know, I wanna, I wanna congratulate CPV, really

congratulations for the show and the fluff that you have put up

here. You can't fool people with this presentation proposal. It

is not helping this community. It will only line the pockets of

your show shareholders. You know that and we know that we are

beyond disgusted that this proposal is not paired with a

cumulative public health impact analysis.

Middlesex County already has 6 fossil fuel power plants within

Six Mile radius. It is literally humanly irrational to want to



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add a 7th power plant. It's only rational if you're thinking of

profit, which disposes of the health of its residents every

day. You've already heard that this community is overburdened.

Many are low income, disabled, unemployed Medicaid recipients,

and limited English speakers.

All of these intersect and affect these residents with

already various health inequities like the respiratory

cardiovascular disease, autism, learning disabilities, cancer,

and newer degenerative diseases. This project is the opposite of

what this community needs. Don't come with your presentation and

that think just a few cute graphics will make you look less

dangerous. Cleaner fossil fuel plant is what I heard.

That is a contradictory statement. It must be nice to

not be personally affected by the folks whose statements you

have just heard here today. We know that we need to end fossil

fuel projects. We know another glass gas plant is not going to

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be beneficial to the community whose land you are occupying. We

know the earth doesn't need another gas plant. It will only

increase harm from severe weather events, heat and

flooding in this community.

The DEP must do its job and commit to protect the people

it's supposed to help. Fossil fuel gases are not contained in

one area. We all suffer when another gas power plant goes up.

Forget your short term profit and think of the long term harm.

We know CPV won't withdraw their permit. So I'm here to demand

that Governor Murphy and the DEP deny this unnecessary polluting

project. Thank you and you have my time.

Thank you. Next, North Brunswick Environmental. Please give your

name, Township, and assume you're representing North

Brunswick Environmental. Yeah, this is Siobhan. Turn that down.

Yeah, this is Siobhan Gibbons. I'm with my colleagues here at

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the North Brunswick Environmental Commission and I'm

actually following up, really following up on what Lucy just  
said.

Um, I was actually in Keasbey couple of weeks ago and spoke to  
about a dozen people, um, to tell them about this upcoming  
meeting, but found that nobody I spoke to knew about this plant.

These were people who literally lived within a mile and a half  
walking distance of this plant. I could even just see where it  
was going to be from where it is. These people were living.

Not one of them knew. So here's my questions.

What has CPV done to let people know about this proposed plant?

What have you done? And I want to just, you know, see the list.

What have you actually done to inform people? And obviously,  
since nobody I met knew anything about it, what are you going to  
do in the future? What are your plans to let people know about  
the plant? Thank you. Thank you.

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Steph, unmute yourself and name and Township. And if you're speaking on behalf of a group, hi, my name is Stephanie Martinez. I'm from Township of North Bergen and I'm here on behalf of well part of food and water Watch and nurse. And the earth talks. North Bergen, Earth talks. I just want to say like, can you guys please just stop the green washing.

And stop the lies. It's you're it's a gas fired power plant. You are not clean. You are not renewable. You're not even giving back to Woodbridge Homes. You're getting profit out of the state. It's tiring to hear the people living and over overburdened communities having to advocate for clean air, something that is for everyone.

That includes you Mike, and you thought and the rest of CPV.

It breaks my heart that people have to share their stories about the struggles, someone that they love, someone that

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they had no having an adverse health effect like cancer,

respiratory illnesses, asthma to just be taken seriously. And

it's irresponsible of CVP to not even have a language justice.

Why? Why isn't there a Spanish option?

Like, you might not think of it as something as much like, you

know, as an importance, but it's part of your criminal act. I'm a

First Gen Latina who has experienced time and time again

when I bring these proposals or like bringing up these

environmental and justices to my community, all I hear and see is

like people that are shocked and I don't even know about these

plans. And you can present the Clean Air Act and the EGA law,

but actually follow it.

And set the example because CVP has time to turn to clean energy

alternatives and just come back with new plans. And if you want

to call the EJ law, you left out that the that the law requires

the DEP to evaluate the environmental and public health

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impacts of the following facilities on urban burden  
communities.

And the first one is major sources of air pollution, gas  
fired power plants. So where's your data on the profit that  
goes back into Woodbridge? Where's the data on the  
measuring of the pollutants that this plant will emit? Where are  
your public health impacts data? You're all talk, You think that  
you're doing your part, but there's no transparency, there's  
no accountability, and the people are tired.

And neighboring communities are tired. It's 2023. There's other  
clean energy alternatives. Woodbridge does not need a  
second power plant. And if you're if money is your  
language, because that's what we see continuously, you keep  
profiting off of people and their health and their  
health. Then there is a way to do both good for the

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people and planet.

Let's not delay the transition into New Jersey's 100% clean energy economy and I urge Governor Murphy to deny this toxic, polluting power plant and NJ DEP to deny this permit to reach these goals. Thank you Iona Connor. Thank you. I live in Brick Ocean County, but I represent 8 billion people around the world.

All of whom will suffer if this plant is built. Sure, they don't live close like the keys be people do, but nonetheless the rising CO2 and pollution is going to affect everybody. Back in the 60s, my first home was in South Plainfield and we bought our a little boat and I swam and water skied in the Raritan River.

In the 1980s, I was Middlesex County Health Department air pollution inspector. I learned how to watch the sky, the emissions from stacks, how to write violations and bring

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polluters to court to be prosecuted. In the 1990s, I

worked at the DEP. I was in the Hazardous Waste Division, where

we worked with people who were affected by Superfund sites.

So I know about radioactive sites and brown, brown sites

that need to be cleaned up then. And then I fell in love and

married a man who lived in Maryland. And we started the

Grassroots Coalition for Environmental and Economic

Justice together. The first day I moved to Maryland. I noticed

how clear the sky was. I had been living in New Jersey for

decades and I had never seen such a beautiful clear blue sky. Even

though I was born in New York and moved to New Jersey when I

was 19 and then moved to Maryland and then I moved to

Pennsylvania, I have always considered New Jersey my home.

After 40 years away, I'm back in brick. Wherever I went, I kept

my eyes open and my brain turned on.



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I was proud of all the environmental activists here,

and the way people fought for all that was right, more so than

what I witnessed in Maryland or Pennsylvania. The environmental

ethical was strong here and the laws were enforced. And I was

part of it all. As an air pollution inspector, we were

tough back then. We had a boss who wanted to see all the

polluting companies brought to justice. We were encouraged to

write every single violation we could find.

In 2004, we moved to Pennsylvania and I became

involved in fighting fracking, going to protests, and

publishing the horrible stories in the global warming newspaper

I've been publishing for 15 years. You may or may not know

that in November of 2022 I published a story about Cabot,

Cabot Oil and Gas which pleaded quote.

No contest to 15 criminal charges, including nine

felonies. It marks the first time Cabot took responsibility

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for destroying drinking water supplies. The company agreed to pay 16.29 million to Pennsylvania American Water to build a public water system that will provide clean water to the impacted people. Along with the pledge, the company will cover water bills for 75 years.

And Connie, your time is up. Could you please wrap it up?

Sure. If you put this power, if you allow this power plant to operate, you're putting everyone's life in danger. In in that room, in this state, in this country, in the world, you have a very important responsibility. You need courage. Now you must deny this permit. Done. Thank you. We're.

Reaching towards the end, I want to make sure there's no one else from Woodbridge that has not had an opportunity to speak. All right, we'll continue on. Lisa Ruffman Weiss. Hi. Can you hear me? Yes. All right. I'm Lisa Ruffman. Weiss and I live in

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South Brunswick, NJ, in Middlesex County.

And I just find that the idea of, you know, starting another fossil fuel plant is actually quite insane in in the year 2023. I don't understand unless it is only for profit. It makes absolutely no sense when we know very well that any.

Extraction or of fossil fuels is going to warm our planet and cause much more to the climate crisis. I don't understand why anyone would consider doing something like this. It just makes no sense to me. I am very much against it and I do think that.

You know, I'm not a scientist, I would not have the same kind of eloquent arguments that some of these previous people have had, but I very strongly oppose this plant and I wish that they would put their energies towards renewable energy and being that they already are invested in that.

It just makes no sense that they wouldn't be doing at, you

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know, further work with that and I yield to other people. Thank

you very much. Thank you. I do notice that some on the

telephone have added or any of those individuals from

Woodbridge that would like to speak. You can unmute yourself

and just let us know that if you're having Unmuting Star 6,

will unmute your phone.

Alright, we'll move on then. Teziana, Bettina, Hi. Good

evening. My name is Teziana Bettina, I'm the Senior

representative for New Jersey with Sierra Club. I'm actually

based in Woodbridge, NJ. I'm speaking in opposition to this

Woodbridge plan expansion as just last week, Governor Murphy

announced.

Long term decarbonization goals for New Jersey of 100% clean

electricity by 2035, the most ambitious clean energy goal in

the nation. The state has also CO2 emission reduction goals of

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50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. The proposed power plant, however, would add a total of 2,055,800 metric tons of CO2 emissions every year. This could increase New Jersey greenhouse gas annual emissions by over 2%.

New fossil power is not in line with those goals and would set these efforts back. New York has similar climate and decarbonization goals and they denied air permits on natural gas plants in 2021, saying that new fossil plans are not in line with the state's decarbonization goals. This is the same conclusion New Jersey needs to come to as well. New Jersey, NJ state own board of public utility conducted a study.

That determined that no additional gas is needed in New Jersey. The study found that even under periods of low probability peak demand, there is an existing surplus of gas at hand for New Jersey to consume. The New Jersey BPU has actually intervened FERC dockets in a position of natural gas

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compressor station expansions in New Jersey. The state does not need more gas generated electricity, especially those projects that would only worsen our climate crisis and public health.

There is no reliability issue. Additionally, this proposal only perpetuates our reliance on highly volatile, volatile fossil fuel markets nationally and internationally. Over reliance on gas is only going to hurt ratepayers as gas prices are incredibly volatile, volatile and have been increasing across the nation, especially here in new. There in New Jersey, we have seen increases of up to 25% in gas utilities in 2021.

Gas prices across the country rose around 62% year over year at the start of 2022. We don't want a grid depending on gas because it won't serve the customers well. The most effective way to protect customers from fossil fuel gas

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driven price spikes is electrification of home heating,

heating and appliances and procuring more wind, solar and

battery storage as sources of power on the grid. The New

Jersey BPU has also confirmed this through their Ratepayer

Impact Study released last year.

Finally, I'd like to support my colleague Anjali Ramos and every

other attendee tonight who spoke on the negative impacts of this

project on already overburdened communities. Thank you for your

time and attention. Thank you. Her. You, Harbus. Excuse me

again. I'm in touch with someone who's on the phone. They say

that they are not allowed to unmute. They can hear, but they

can't participate and they'd like to participate.

Star 6 should unmute their phone. Maybe you can test it,

but they're telling me their experiences. They are not

allowed to unmute. They're pressing 6 and they're not

unmuted. All right, I will. I will test it out and find out.

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Mr. Tarvis, if you want to go while they're checking that out.

Okay. Thank you Herb Tarboost, Piscataway, NJ My residence is 9

miles northwest of this proposed environmental crime scene. Let's

be clear, fossil fuels are wholly incapable of producing

clean electricity. So why do some claim otherwise? You know

it's about an addiction. Some folks talk about an addiction to

fossil fuels, but the real addiction is to money and power.

As an example, we heard a gentleman earlier repeat several

times. We need power. We need more power. Why? Well, the

gentleman from the housing trade said the power was needed to

build more housing. Interesting coincidence is the essential

message that there needs to be more pollution in order to

further enrich real estate developers. And even more

interesting is the claim that this is affordable housing

causing the need for the power, the accumulation of money and



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power often victimizes the least among us, and here even claim to this

for the benefit for the people being victimized. Shifting focus

to the super slick presentation offered tonight, there are some

important points to consider. The claim that the plant will

somehow be removing pollutants is simultaneously creative and

disingenuous. More capacity for lower prices, which brings more

demand, not less, the claim has little to no merit.

We also heard a long list of permits we cited, along with

various list of credentials of the board members who set the

environmental standards to be met for the permits to be

issued. It all sounds great. Unfortunately, it creates an

illusion of there being an overall political system in

place which operates for the benefit of the people in New

Jersey. Cut me a break. This is New Jersey. We all we all know

how this works. No long list of required permits, college

degrees or other credentials is evidence that there's adequate

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representation or protections in place for the working class folks in New

Jersey. Heck, my state senator claims to be an

environmentalist. Sure, he banned plastic straws, but not a

syllable uttered in opposition to the expansion of fossil fuel

infrastructure here in Middlesex County. As Woodbridge resident

Mr. Browski stated, what is needed here is courage.

Political courage, yes, but also personal courage. Ask yourself,

what is my legacy here on planet Earth?

Here in our nation and here for this overburdened community, am

I working to protect those around me or my working on

behalf of the polluters and the power brokers who shield them to

perpetuate their addiction to money and power? I know where I

stand, and I know where the vast majority of folks on this call

stand Will you join us? God will be able to do anything with the

telephone. Or yes, as anyone who's on the phone who has their

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hand raised when we get to them, they can, we can unmute.

I don't have the ability to unmute people on the video call,

but you have the ability to unmute people on the phone. Are

there any on the phone, anybody else's? We're nearing the end of

our extended time that want to speak that are from Woodbridge,

can't unmute themselves and you're asking them to talk.

They are all unmuted. OK. Can you hear me? Yes. May I speak?

We're asking for people that are from the Woodbridge community.

Are you from Woodbridge? Well, I'm in Edison, but I'm like 3

miles down the road. Go ahead, please. Thank you.

OK. Can you identify your name, please? Yes, my name is Esther

Barkin and I live in Edison, which is a very densely

populated part of Middlesex County. We're at the crossroads

of Route 1, Route 27. I think we've lost you. Can you still

hear us?

Can you hear me? Can hear you now. We lost for a minute. I

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don't know what happened. OK, So anyway, we have a lot of major highways here and I live two blocks off Route 227 where we have two mega Amazon distribution centers and a FedEx distribution center. So needless to say, the air is very heavy with toxic exhaust. I have lived in the Metuchen/Edison area for 48 years and I have seen the change in the quality of the air that I am breathing, including the dust in my home, in spite of a large HEPA filter on my furnace.

And an air cleaner in my living room, the visible dust particles are heavier and grainier. So I have no doubt that I am breathing polluted air which is harmful to my health. And as we heard before, the air quality in our area has been rated F So a lot of what I wanted to say has already been said.

But I want to add that we are we do not want to be statistics or casualties of a capitalistic enterprise. We are human beings

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and we are this community. And we say no, we do not want CPV.

We want to get off our dependence on fossil fuels,

so we can begin to address the tremendous and ominous

challenges of climate change, which are playing out every day.

And we see it not only in our country, in the west and other

foreign countries like Pakistan that was flooded. I mean, this

is no joke. And we know that fossil fuels are contributing

greatly to this. So I'm calling on Governor Murphy. Your

executive order is not sufficient.

Unless you denied the permit for CPV two and the six other fossil

fuel projects pending in New Jersey. Thank you. Thank you.

Hello. Good evening. Can you hear me? Yes. Who is this?

Good evening. This is the other person that was having

difficulty to get unmuted for some reason. That feature was

blocked for individuals who were calling in. My name is Sharon

Hubberman and I am a resident and also a community advocate in

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the City of Perth Amboy and I welcome that all of the

individuals who are participating in this very

important hearing but.

What I am here to state is that the quality of the air, the air

quality in the city of Perth Amboy has severely deteriorated.

I have reported more than one incident where it has come to my

attention that some of the poor quality is stemming out of

Keasbey, New Jersey and in the midst of COVID, the City of

Perth Amboy were the strongest hit.

by COVID, and that has a lot to do with the air pollution that

we're constantly breathing. The purpose of the environmental

justice law is to protect communities that are similar to

the one that I live in. A majority of the population in

the city of Perth Amboy is about 80% of Hispanic descent.

And I find it extremely disheartening that notice of

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this meeting was not properly communicated to members of the

community that only speak Spanish. I also find it even

more disheartening that residents in the city of Keasbey,

who also speak Spanish, were not provided with information

regarding this hearing today and the difficulties that I had to

just try to unmute myself to participate in the

meeting. To go through that. So, I do say thank you to Mr. Kratovil for

at least advocating for my voice to try to be heard. What is

happening here is that I believe that there's an effort

to have clean energy, but yet what I don't hear in your

presentation is that there are alternative ways of obtaining

clean energy. For example, even biodiesel fuels of which you are

not using, you are utilizing.

Substances that when burned, the reality is that they are toxic

not only to the environment, to the animals, to children, to the

elderly, to everyone. And those toxins permeate into the surface

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of the ground. Therefore, if you try to plant your vegetables,

eat healthy, it's to it's not going to help at all so,

I find that the statistics that are being placed in front of all

of the people participating in this conference, there are good

statistics if they make you sleep better. But the reality is

that the statistics that we're not seeing and that we're not

listening is to the percentage of people who have been dying

from cancer, has died from COVID and have been expected.

With their immune system, their breathing capabilities, it is a

crying shame that those statistics are not being shared

and we wouldn't be even having this hearing if you're not

looking to receive the necessary waivers that are supposed to

afford members of the community at least some protection. So

that being said.

If you are requesting waivers and that tells me that we will



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be released into the air, into the water, into the surrounding

surface is going to exceed a maximum contaminant level which

and if it was up to me, I think even those levels are too

high. So I'm strongly against this recommendation that you're

trying to put forward to approve your permit.

And I strongly believe that if you want to really have a

hearing of the citizens, that you take into consideration the

citizens that it will impact. And I speak for my community,

which is mostly of Hispanic descent. And I think you've done

a disservice by not providing notice of this meeting in both

bilingual factions. Thank you. Thank you.

We are going to extend on until 9:00 PM. At 9:00 PM, we will

have to stop, but we will continue to go through comments

until then. Again, we do encourage everyone to send in

written comments, written questions as well, even if

you're speaking here today. We'll move on again to Janine

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Abu Romy. I'm sorry about that name. Hello. Good evening.

My name is Janan from Janan from Passaic County, New Jersey. I'm

a public health intern with cleaneearth4kids.org. I am making

this comment on behalf of myself, my family, my community,

and my organization cleaneearth4kids.org. We must stop

the Woodbridge gas power plant to protect the children and

families of New Jersey, to protect our health and the air

we breathe. Air pollution harms nearly every cell and every

organ in the body if it is built.

This power plant will be only 6 miles from 70 schools. Air

pollution drifts through the air and it is clear we need to put a

halt to this power plant now, especially for our kids. The

harmful emissions from the Woodbridge power plant would

include approximately 148.7 tons of nitrogen oxide, 125.5 tons of

ammonia, 110.3 tons of carbon monoxide.

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And 39.9 tons of sulfur dioxide, as well as 123.6 tons of particulate matter, along with other toxic air, water, and land contaminants. PM 2.5 increases the risk of prebirth, stillbirth, and low birth weight. Babies and increased heart, lung and brain diseases, as well as other serious illnesses. Please do not build this power plant. Please instead invest in rooftop solar wind.

Battery storage and microgrids and follow the work of Mark Z Jacobson from Stanford and Michael E Mann from Penn State and others. We do not need this gas power plant. Protecting the residents of New Jersey and our environment is crucial for the future and the water we drink. This power plant would also be next to the Raritan River. Let's work together to improve our health, clean air and water as well as our environment and climate. A better way of life cost for a better future.

We must say no. So the Woodbridge gas fire plant can go.

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Governor Murphy and the DEP must deny this unnecessary polluting project. Thank you from [jananthepublichealth.concern@cleanersforkids.org](mailto:jananthepublichealth.concern@cleanersforkids.org).

Thank you. We, we still have about 15 people that want to speak. So if you are willing to cut down your comments a little in length, I'm sure everybody would appreciate if we could get through. Next up is our Enis. Sorry, Bengal, yes, can you hear me? Yes, we can. Please. Your name for the record and where you're from.

I'm Ennis, Bengal. I'm resident of Long Branch in Monmouth County, just South of Middlesex County, just a little South of Woodbridge. I object to the building of this power plant.

The presenter made a misrepresentation in his.

In his in his slide said he claimed that the cumulative CO2 and all the other emissions will be with the CO2, that it would be 2.3 million tons of CO2, whereas it's actually going to

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be double that. I will appreciate if you can send those

slides to the people who registered for this meeting.

Because they were. They were very fast and it was not

possible to see all the details but at least that's I

caught that there was a misrepresentation by the CPV

presenter there for a minimum that I saw that now Woodbridge

mayor apparently Woodbridge used to be the.

It has a Gold Star from sustainable Jersey, but this

action really completely wipes out that that pretension of

having anything to do with sustainability. It's just in the

just for the sake of the money that he'll be getting, maybe.

But is it worth the lives and health of the residents of

Woodbridge and of the towns that are adjacent to that power plant and in

contributing to the climate crisis that we are now moving into a further

phases of. Just this past summer, wasn't it that a million

shellfish just died because of extreme heat in Washington?

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Even more closer that the Bay Area had a huge marine life

kill. We are having whales washed up to our shores here in

New York and New Jersey. It was an article today in the New York

Times that attributed that to climate change. We're already

seeing these horrible effects of climate change?

Why do we get to keep on building more?

Governor Murphy, if you have any aspirations to be one day the

President of the United States, I urge you to reject this power

plant and all the others.

The fossil fuel predictions, because they will come. We won't

vote for you in the primaries. Why don't you build

this in Braintree, MA, next to your headquarters so you can you

can breathe the fumes all day long yourselves instead of could

you please wrap it up? OK, I think what you should be

building here is a solar panel plant or wind turbine plant, We're going to have 30

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gigawatts of wind turbines off New Jersey and New York in the next 10 to 15

years. We have extreme need for and for that Teamsters Gal who

talked for Hazlet, the labor unions are foolhardy to be

advocating for this power plant. There is huge demand for

buildings, solar panels for wind turbines.

That's what we need. We don't. We're gonna have to move on at

this point. Thank you. Alexa Harris. Hello. Yes, we can hear

you.

Ohh, hi. Sorry, I was like saying that you didn't like

that. Hi, good evening. My name is Alexa and I'm a resident of

Sayreville, which is not too far from Woodbridge. I used to go to

the Woodbridge Mall the time with my parents. No, we don't.

But Sayreville is where my environmental Commission and

Borough council have signed onto the resolution against the

Woodbridge power plant. And I'm also on speaking behalf of are

you progressive of records university organization and

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we've also signed the petition against this power plant.

I just wanted to echo this most or all the statements that my

peers echo, the statements that my peers and previous speakers

have made. Why is the park that the company is it like promised

to clean up? It's not cleaned up again. You can't cancel out of

Brown site by putting another Brown site, putting a fossil

fuel plan on it. Governor Murphy announced that he's escalating

the timeline for green.

For clean power reliance by 15 years, which is nothing to joke

about or a kid about. If we are concerned about supplying energy

demand, then implement measures to lower energy demands overall.

Environmental solutions that are successful and have proven to

for energy demands such as constructing and promoting

alternative forms of transportation, bikes and buses,

and committing to these projects full heartedly so, such as



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Paris, they're just putting it in and we don't have to wait for

five years of collecting data and then questioning if this

data is even usable. But they're really committing to providing

alternative forms of transportation and decreasing

the reliance on fossil fuels and energy demand.

Sustainability competitions within companies, schools,

institutions, teaching composts in schools from K to 12 and

providing home composting solutions and education,

promoting shorter and colder showers, the list goes on. But

my point is that the plant is not the solution and we need to

implement multiple solutions, including rejecting this power

plant.

I'm really concerned with the air quality going even down.

Sayreville is considered an overburdened community and air,

dirty air pollutants like PM 2.5, they don't just stick

around and sit on the grass. We need to be vacuumed up. They

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travel. They travel a lot more than maybe like Carmen San Diego

has ever done so.

This is a really huge concern for myself at the age of 24.

This is gonna be a huge concern for my for the kids of my

siblings, for future generations. This is a concern

for people right now. This is something that we've seen the

air quality go down in Newark. Let's not be another air or air

quality concern in New Jersey. Instead, we should restrict any

new projects concerning fossil fuels. So promoting or pushing

this project to go on sounds very sadistic when it comes to public health. I

can't think of another way to put it, but I strongly urge for

this project to be shut down and no fossil fuels whatsoever be

constructed moving forward. We've put off we've put

off this decision for decades and is way too late. We're

seeing climate change affecting everyone or I should say global

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warming.

It has a very huge salient issue and we cannot be we should  
not be harming ourselves even more. Thank you, Gene Boyle. You  
were unmuted for a minute and I think you're muted again. There  
you go. Up. OK. Yes. Yes.

Okay, my name. My name is Jean Boyle and I'm another resident  
of Metuchen speaking tonight. I support Food and Water Watch and  
I'm active in Citizens Climate Lobby. I'm also president of my  
condo association in Metuchen, and I'm a parishioner at Trinity  
Church, Woodbridge. I spend a lot of time in Woodbridge. I'm  
here to oppose the building of yet another gas fired power  
plant in Woodbridge.

My home is the crow flies is only about 2 1/2 miles from the  
site of the proposed plant. Having to breathe the additional  
pollution the plant will put into our air is extremely  
frightening. We know that there will be negative direct health

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impacts and that air pollutants from gas fired power plants are  
a major contributor to the climate crisis if we as a  
society don't stop now building plants like the one proposed  
here.

We will hasten climate change and accelerate global warming.

We know what this means. It means more frequent and extreme  
storms, more flooding, more fires, more property damage,  
more injuries, more health problems, and sadly, more  
deaths. Lastly, although Metuchen has not yet adopted a  
resolution opposing the plant.

You've seen tonight that there are people in Metuchen, from  
those of us who have spoken from Metuchen who are very concerned  
about this plant and we oppose its construction. Governor  
Murphy and the DEP must deny this unnecessary polluting  
project. Thank you. Thank you. Manager. Yes. Good evening. My

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name is Manisha Sabah.

And I am a resident of town of Somerset in Somerset County

where our where our council pass the resolution

against the kids, the power plants and also our county

Somerset County pass resolution against the power plant.

So I would cut my my talk because everybody has said most

of the thing that I wanted to say and I just want to say that

I am also a member of food and water Watch. As I

see it, as I see it and I understand it. The whole, the

whole planet is on crisis and is on crisis environmentally. So I would ask

the Governor Murphy, who has repeatedly said he would support

100% clean energy during his administration, to walk his talk

and ensure that NJDP observes.

All the safety requirements and deny this unnecessary deadly

power plant. Thank you very much. Thank you. Charlie Kratovil.

Yes. Good evening. Name is Charlie Kratovil. I'm a proud

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Middlesex County resident where I've lived for almost 20 years

now. I'm also the Central Jersey organizer at Food and Water

Watch and.

Food and Water Action I'm so grateful to the over 150 people

who came out to stand in solidarity and speak truth to

power to explain to you the reality on the ground here in

the community we call home. We already have too much pollution

here in our air and in our water.

Way too much to justify plans for another dirty project like

this. We've tried to engage with the Department of Environmental

Protection for years about this project and we were promised a

meeting with the DEP to discuss our concerns. We were asked to

prepare a list of questions for that meeting and we did so. We

provided them and we continued to follow up diligently and we

were told that the meeting would happen. We promised the meetings

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going to happen, the meetings definitely going to happen.

And then the meeting didn't happen. Regrettably, I can only

conclude after tonight that this is not environmental justice.

This is a manifest injustice that's taking place right here.

And as the DEP rushes to approve an outdated and destructive

project, the voices of the overburdened communities of

Middlesex County are being ignored, as they have been for

the past several years.

Governor Murphy needs to step it up and reject this project. His

administration is currently violating the Energy Master Plan

statute, and they still have not implemented the environmental

justice law 30 months after it was signed. Our overburdened

communities deserve more than lip service, more than one

single Microsoft Teams meeting, and more than 3 minutes to talk

about this project and its impact. And at the end of the

day, we all deserve much better from our leaders.

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It's insane to even be considering a project like this

when we know it will harm public health and our climate. So I

want to applaud everyone who's here tonight, as well as the 50

plus community organizations that have endorsed the campaign

to Stop Your dirty project. And of course to the elected leaders

who formerly opposed this project. 15 elected government bodies so far, including 10

Middlesex County municipal governments. Their leaders did

the right thing. Now we need the state to listen to this message,

wake up and stop doing damage to our air, water and climate. This

hearing process was completely botched. Even though the

Department of Environmental Protection says the notification

requirements should be consistent with the EJ law, this

hearing is not anywhere near what was contemplated when that

law.

Asked. It is absurd, and I have many questions that I'll submit



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in writing, but I do want to just say respectfully, Mr.

Kjellberg, you're sitting at a desk at your job out of state

right now, and we are living with the consequences of your

corporation's actions. This hearing was poorly noticed and

people's comments were cut short. So I challenge you to

come to Middlesex County and hold a proper hearing. Or better

yet. Withdraw your application and stop dumping on King Governor

Murphy and the DEP must reject this unnecessary polluting

project. David Pringle? Yes, I'm here. Thank you. I am from

Cranford, 7 miles from the plant. I am also representing

Clean Water Action. We have thousands of members in the

immediate area.

In Northern Middlesex and Southern Union County and on

supporting in solidarity all the local citizens, especially the NAACP gentleman who I  
think was more nailed it more than anybody

else. Although Charlie might be a very close second and I know

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and respect Mayor McCormick, he's making an economic decision.

And it's all of the economic decisions in history as to why we have environmental injustice. It's for jobs, it's for profit, it's for tax rates, for the greater community. Guess who loses? The local community. And that's unacceptable, especially in this, It's this day and age. And given the environmental justice law, and I was one of the lead advocates that helped secure that law, and this project is a poster child for why we need it.

And shame on CPV for rushing it through and shame on the Murphy administration for not adopting the rules when they promised to by November of 2021, because had they done that, we would not be having this hearing tonight. Speaking of not having this hearing tonight, I noticed the very first slide and I've been listening the entire hearing, the very first slide. We wouldn't be having this hearing if you meant the very first

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slide. The very first slide said.

Responsible energy starts with us. This project is not responsible energy. And we know, given we're here 2 1/2 years or three hours now later that CPV is not responsible. But we know the administration is listening. I know there are DEP folks listening to this call today.

I know you are required to report to DEP and we are reporting and listening and we will report to DEP what you don't report. If you don't report, there will be a second air permit. There will be a second hearing on the Title V permit.

This is just the administrative order hearing, but the biggest test for CPV and for the Murphy administration is putting your money where your mouth is. Facts and science matter, I heard a lot of.

I've heard a lot of science tonight. I heard a lot from

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labor unions about non science, and I hate to say that, but

that's the truth. What amount of particulates is safe? I didn't

ask what's permitted. What is safe? Science says there's not.

This will increase pollution. There's no such thing as clean

gas. It leaks. It comes from fracking. It causes coal

pollutants.

And it's not clean. If you're talking about where you burn it,

sure, maybe it's less dirty, some other options. But if you

look at the whole life cycle, given fracking gas is no better

than coal, it's wonderful to talk about. We're meeting an EPA

definition of environmental justice, but you're not meeting

the definition of violent justice under the New Jersey

law. And environmental justice is a lot more than about

involvement.

If the environmental justice community is involved but you're

not reducing in pollution, that's a nonstarter. Mr.

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Pringle, if you could wrap it up, please. Sure. I'm gonna one  
ad I hope that you're keeping. I hope the chat is a matter of the  
public record. And I I know you're not answering questions,  
but we, I hope you will at least acknowledge whether the chat  
will be part of this record.

And if anybody can record the chat that's listening now,  
please do so right now. I would also like to point out, as  
pathetic as the Camden Covanta incinerator is and their AO  
hearing was, at the very least they answered questions. So  
Camden incinerator set extremely low bar and you have failed to  
clear it. And with that, I'm just gonna ask you to change  
your business model.

Your business model makes money for corporate shareholders by  
poisoning local people. Change your business model. Have a good  
night, Rachel. Dawn Davis? Yes. Hi. Can you hear me? Yes, we

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can. OK, Rachel Dawn Davis, resident and public

policy and justice organizer for Water Spirit and Ministry of the  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.

We offer testimony on behalf of our thousands of members and in  
solidarity with front and friends line, fence, line  
communities throughout the stolen land. We are all, we all  
occupy air and water know no bounds and contamination is  
costly. As has been refrained tonight, the vast majority of  
Woodbridge doesn't know about this project, so this is a was a  
very small representation of people who care about this and  
can make it.

Methane gas is 86 times as potent as Co 2 / 20 years and 34  
times as potent over 100 years. People know this. This is common  
knowledge, so to say that it's not is ludicrous. We urge NJDEP  
and Governor Murphy uphold your oaths of office and act  
faithfully in the best interest of the health of residents in

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all New Jerseyans. Deny this Title V air permit now.

NJDEP and Governor Murphy know enough now to know that the

health implications run in direct contrast with any

purported goals related to public health. They may claim

CPV. This is not meaningful involvement. Rescind your air

permit application. NJDEP and the Governor and Governor Murphy put

your faith into real action. It is irresponsible that New

Jerseyans are fighting 7 projects. Solar siting still

has not been done fully to date. Proper assessments for

alternatives have not been done throughout the state or PJM.

Green infrastructure analysis are not yet coordinated. New

Jersey is leading on holding fossil fuel companies

accountable. Finally, what will this hearing accomplish? What,

especially as governor, deflects and excuse and excuses are made

at the expense of people in the name of precious water. We need

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local and statewide leadership to embrace the spirit of the

environmental justice Cumulative impacts law. It is 2023. How are

we still talking about new fossil fuel projects? This

project has widespread opposition.

Fossil fuel exacerbates costly climate emergency and physical

mental health crises. There's another path, a better, more

helpful path for kids and future generations of all creation. Is

there a position? Yes. Edison Highland Park, Hoboken, Perth

Amboy, Franklin Township, Sayreville, City of Rahway,

Somerset County, South Brunswick, Kiranbury, East

Brunswick, Plainsboro Township, North Brunswick, and more. Water

is life.

Echoing Herb, what kind of ancestor will you be? DEP and

Governor Murphy Energy solutions should be discussed with front

and fence line areas and then and only then acted upon. Well,

decision makers think twice before engaging in



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disinformation, a most terrible ecological sin which fossil fuel companies are being held to account for. Finally, knowledge is power. Thank you for the one opportunity to speak and thank you everybody here.

Thank you. We're going to go through to Stephanie Collins who just raised her hand and after that we're we will be cutting off the comments, but we will get through everybody up to there. Matthew, please your name and Township and if you're speaking on behalf of a group, I think you need to unmute yourself, Matthew.

Hey, sorry about that. Can you guys hear me? Yes, we can.

Sorry, my apologies. OK, Thank you for this opportunity to let me speak. This is Matthew Smith from Food and Water Watch.

We act for environmental justice and speaking for the earth, which can't speak for itself. As you know, on September 18, 2020,

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Governor Phil Murphy signed New Jersey's Environmental Justice

law, which requires the New Jersey Department of

Environmental Protection to evaluate the environmental and public health impacts of

facilities like CPV's proposed gas plant on overburdened

communities. Big shout out to New Jersey for being the first

state in the nation to require mandatory permit denials if an

environmental justice analysis determines a new facility will

have a disproportionately negative impact on overburdened

communities. But this is an overburdened community saddled

with six fossil fuel power plants already. How is adding a

7th even an option? And how is this not being denied and the

law not being followed if?

Another gas fired power plant will undoubtedly increase air

pollutants including CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, Particulate Matter, SO<sub>2</sub> and

VOCs. And Keasbey the community that already experiences some of

the worst air pollution in the country. Not to mention all the

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adverse health effects on the next generation of children and the golden generation of those who have been here for as long as they have. How does this show any respect to any of them?

Middlesex County consistently receives an F rating from the American Lung Association for high levels of ground level ozone, but if approved, this plant would be permitted to emit more than double the amount of NOx and volatile organic compounds emitted by CPV's current facility. I don't know about any schools you went to, but all the ones I attended made it impossible to get a grade lower than an F So how would adding another power plant help?

It obviously wouldn't, and would make it even harder for the air quality to ever raise above a still embarrassing grade of a D freaking minus. This makes it painfully obvious that it will have a disproportionate negative impact on an overburdened

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community. How can this logically not be denied? Based

on the law alone? The blatant hypocrisy spits in the face of

the passage of the New Jersey environmental justice law. I

stand with Edison Highland Park Borough.

The Highland Park Board of Education. The City of Hoboken,

City of Perth, Amboy Franklin Township, Hunker Bunkers in

Sayreville and the Borough in general. The City of Rahway,

Somerset County, Joey's of Clifton, the South Brunswick

Township, the Cranberry Township, East Brunswick

Township, Plainsboro Township and the North Brunswick

Township. Who all stand against this. As you should too. Before

I close, I ask why is this the only hearing? Please get back to

us and let us know.

In closing, I demand that CPV withdraw the air permit

application. If CPV doesn't withdraw the application, then

Governor Murphy's DEP must reject the application as they

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need permission, a permit to pollute. They've requested that permission and with all that has been said, why would you grant them the ability to build this major source of pollution and add to the already existing pollution and the embarrassing air quality grade of an FI? Echo the majority of others on this call to state that Governor Murphy and the DEP must deny this unnecessary polluting project.

Thank you. I'm done with what I have to say. Y'all can continue on. Thank you. Audra Sabara. Hi, my name is Audra Sabara. Thank you so much for your time this evening. I'm, I'm sure you all have other things you'd like to be doing. Of course, this hearing could have been held in New Jersey in public, but you've chosen to use teams. And I find it ironic, actually, because the work that I do for a living as a social worker is help people with disabilities, which is not a group that I heard represented

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on this call. And I want to just state something that I came

across on the United States EPA site. I'm sure you're familiar

with the EPA's website when they talk about climate change and

the health of people with disabilities. I stand with

people with disabilities tonight everywhere.

When I say decision makers are not often taken into account in

planning and that emergency warnings and other messages such

as extreme heat are often not designed with people that have

accessibility needs. People with accessibility needs have ongoing

medical care and they are much more likely to have social and

economic risk factors such as poverty and unemployment.

So I urge you, on behalf of all people on this call myself, who

lives with a person that has multiple sclerosis and has been

impacted by climate change, I'm asking you, come to New Jersey,

breathe the air, and please provide environmental justice

for us. I thank you for your time. Thank you Rano Banerjee.

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Hello, my name is Rano Banerjee. I'm a resident of

Plainsboro, NJ in Middlesex County. Just wanted to urge

Governor Murphy and the DEP to deny this permit for this new

gas burning plant for all the reasons many other people said

beforehand. Governor Murphy is actually recently sued by fossil

fuel companies for systematically concealing how

much they've contributed to global warming.

And how much damage is being done in New Jersey. It really

makes no sense for Governor Murphy to sue fossil fuel

companies for lying to the public and then turn around and

approve new fossil fuel projects. We really have no

reason to believe that this plant is not going to provide

additional damage to the young people and elderly in the

community.

It's going to be the community that is going to be responsible

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for the burden of increased healthcare costs for any

pollution that is being caused by this new plant. And really

any decision to build this plant should take that into

consideration. And if there's going to be an additional cost,

it shouldn't be put on the community, it should be put on

the people causing the pollution. Going to just end it

there and say that Governor Murphy should really think twice

about.

Approving this permit and really reconsider the process for

approving any other fossil fuel projects because this I don't

think the community was properly involved in this at all

and I don't feel like this hearing was adequate. So I

think we should all we should all look to do better in the

future. Thank you. Thank you. Steven Mitchell.

My name is Steven Mitchell and I'm in Somerville, NJ and I'm

with Food and Water Watch. I have two basic questions. One is



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Competitive Power Ventures, still 100% owned by a  
corporation named OPC Energy that is located 6000 miles away  
in Israel. It's my first question. And two, why won't the  
Department of Energy, or Environmental Protection,  
conduct an environmental impact study?

On the proposed power, gas power plant to determine the  
environmental impact of Building 3 power plants in Woodbridge, NJ  
alone, I think there's actually 6, there's several  
different ones scheduled for new for Woodbridge. I'm not certain  
about that though. Anyway, those are my two questions. Thank you.

Thank you. We have somebody next on the telephone.

Scott, are you able to unmute them? Is that me? There we go.

You. We. I don't know where. Hello. There we go. Hello. Yes.

What is your name, please? And what Township are you with? Oh,

I'm hi. Yeah, it's just. Are you talking to me?

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Are you CM Wilson? Yes. I'm so sorry it didn't show up on my

screen that it was me next in line. I apologize. Yes. My name

is Karen Wilson. Can you hear me? Can you hear me? I said

selling a Verizon commercial. Can you hear me now? OK, We lost

somebody on the telephone, so hopefully they may come back.

But please, please go. OK. I'll just try and get to the point.

My name is Karen Wilson. I'm a resident of Franklin Township.

And I'm a member of Food and Motor Watch. We spent many years

fighting against natural gas compressors that they wanted to

put in down here. I'd like to know if they wanted to put it in

at an active rock quarry. With that was blasting dynamite on a

daily basis.

So the lack of concern for the citizens in the area that these

fossil fuel companies have is just mind boggling. I can't

believe that you're considering putting up another natural, I

mean another fossil fuel place in an area that has all six

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already with an air quality that's being rated as an F.

I know that talking to the fossil fuel company is kind of  
useless. You're doing this because you have to do this,  
having us speak tonight, and you're just going to go forward  
and push your agenda because it's all about the money and  
it's not about concern for us at all. Or you wouldn't be looking  
to put another fossil fuel plant in an area that has an F air  
quality in the most densely populated state in the country  
so that it affects as many people as possible.

It is just mind boggling to me Governor and I would just be  
appealing to the governor here to reject this because he has  
passed the laws and they are not being applied and they should be  
applied. We voted for Governor Murphy trying to get out of all  
of the horrific fossil fuel deals that the Christie  
administration put us through.

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And this is not just affecting the citizens, but it's affecting

the constituents of government. Governor Murphy. So please just

reject this. Thank you for your time. Thank you for documenting

my phone call. I hope it went through. Thank you. Stephanie

Collins.

I apologize for not being able to speak earlier. As a mother, I

have been on this call through dinner, bath time, and bedtime

with my children asking me what I was doing when I responded

fighting another power plant because that is a conversation

I've had to have with my 6-year-old prior to this hearing. My 6

year old simply responded. Why? Why would we have another power

plant with all the pollution we already see in the

air? 43 years ago my parents made it to the US from a small

country in South America named Uruguay. They came here for

opportunity and for freedom.

I've been lucky enough to have born in the US and grow up in

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Woodbridge proper in the 1990s from Moby Street School #1 to Woodbridge Middle School and a graduate of Woodbridge High School. I am now an Edison resident with a three and a six year old. I live half a mile from the border of Fords, which is Woodbridge Township. I live 2 miles from the new power plant.

Both of my daughters have been determined to have reactive airway disease and asthma. My 3 year old with severe asthma has been hospitalized four times between September 2022 and January 2023.

We have seen multiple pediatricians and pulmonologists and they give me a disheartened smile every single time when we discuss the town that I live in and how medical professionals are. Professionals are well aware of the high environmental pollutants in the area. Both of my daughters go through 4 inhaler treatments total with two different inhalers every

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single every single day. One is steroid to keep their lungs

capable of fighting every single day and another to keep their

Airways open just so they can simply breathe.

The sick reality of that is that I have this conversation daily

with many mothers and parents whose children also suffer from

the same respiratory illnesses. I understand that you are all

professionals that work at CPV, but I ask for you for a second

to look at this issue at the human level if you are parents

and please tell me that the torment that you've heard from

multiple parents tonight don't rattle you internally.

I think about how my parents traveled here legally 43 years

ago to a country that sold them the concept of the American

Dream and how their granddaughters may not even see

their senior age that they have been able to. My heart goes out

to all of the mothers and parents that spoke tonight

because I'm in solidarity, solidarity with you. I

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appreciate your time at CPV and I ask you, please pull out the  
process of installing this power plant in Keasbey,  
Woodbridge Township, NJ. Thank you.

Thank you. And thank you to everybody and your patience as  
we've gone through this long evening. And again, we encourage  
that written comments and questions also be sent in. The  
contact information is still on the screen right now. Thank you,  
Deborah, and thank you everyone for joining. I will.

I'm trying to find a way to see if I can copy the check because  
I know there's a lot of questions about that, so I'm  
trying to figure out. So, I am going to close the meeting  
shortly if as soon as I can figure that out. But thank you  
everyone for joining. I'm pleased. If you have any  
additional comments and even if you were able to say all your  
comments, please send them to me at your convenience before March

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31st and we will work on responses to everyone. Thank you

very much.