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From: Johannah Jones <jodyjones@strattransformations.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 1:27 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket - Emp 92 sub NTE power plant

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N.C. Utilities Commission

To the NC Utilities Commission,

Please let me express my desire that this power plant not be approved and the water left in the Dan River rather than being used for this purpose. The water in the river is threatened by this plant and the potential for other environmental damage including gas leaks, contaminated water table and a lowering of the environmental quality of life in Rockingham County should not be ignored. 15 jobs is not reasonable compensation for the potential damage this plant will contribute to the county and state. Now, more than ever, our attention needs to be on the long term consequences of decisions. Please do not let this plant go forward.

Thank you for registering my perspective.

Johannah Jones, Ph.D.

Johannah [Jody] Jones, Ph.D.

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Dear N.C. Utilities Commission

I am very concerned about the quality of drinking water available via for all our communities that use the Dan River as a water source. In addition, I have concerns for the quality of the water table in and around our Bethany community. We do not need a fracked-gas plant in our community and with it the pollutants created from this plant. In addition, the cost to build two water lines and pumping stations that the taxpayers are having to pay for is unnecessary and our return is polluted waters and soil.

You as a utility commission, should learn from the problems that the state of Michigan has had with their Flint River's quality from manufacturing. And then, when Flint used as a drinking source has created serious problems for the people of Flint, MI. The quality of the Dan River's water is extremely important to the communities and the the citizens of North Carolina and we want to keep it free of pollutants.

Please vote this request down.

Regards,
Bill Stowe

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From: Ann Vernon <annpvernon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:54 PM
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I am a Stokes County resident living on the edge of Rockingham County and am incredibly concerned about the proposed NTE power plant in the Bethany community. A great many individuals and businesses in our community (that are actually aware of it) are opposed to it, we don't want it here. It's presence and operation will not better our community of any way, form or fashion. It has the potential to be a destructive force for both our budding local economy and diverse environment, neither of which should be considered half heartedly.

Rockingham County has suffered greatly over the past 10 years with the decline in the tobacco industry, mills/plants closing, and housing downturn. Just within the past few years, our local cities and townships have begun to find a new identity and there has been a positive trend in our local economy with new small businesses, tourism, and increased home sales. A great deal of this has been from our beautiful countryside and rivers, as well as it increasingly becoming a bedroom community to Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Burlington, Martinsville VA, and Danville VA. Many people who live here do not work here but are pivotal for this community to become thriving by bringing money into our county. People will not want to dine, shop, destination, or move here if it is not safe to drink the water from the taps or allow their children to play in waterways due to contamination, both of which are increasingly becoming a reality. Likewise they will not want to be here if there are unsightly power plants emitting harmful gases and noise pollution. Local farmers who were devastated by the downturn of the tobacco market are reclaiming their lives with livestock, niche items, destination venues (such as vineyards, event centers, and historical sites), and ecotourism (river excursions, farm to fork, nature parks, etc). Our Rockingham County community has the potential to continue to move forward in a direction we can be proud of...but not if organizations and operations such as the proposed NTE power plant continue to find homes here. Nobody want to tour a river that has massive and loud pipes sucking vast quantities of water out and spitting back out chlorinated waste. Nobody wants to move to, stay or vacation in areas that feel contaminated regardless of whether it is or not.

I'm concerned for our diverse local wildlife. The Dan River is home to federally endangered species such as the Roanoke logperch (*Percina rex*), the James spinnymussel (*Pleurobema collina*), and federal species of interest Green Oater (*Lasmigona subvittidis*), all of which have been recorded in the Dan River near the proposed water and waste pipes. Prairie birdsfoot-trefoil is a federal species of interest and the lovely local Smooth coneflower (*Echinacea laevigata*) is also federally endangered and can be found near the banks of the Dan River. I'm not a lawyer, but it would seem they should be legally protected from threats such as these from this power plant. There has not been a study done on what the environmental impacts to these species will be. With a direct change in the waterways flow capacity and constituent makeup you really don't know how these populations will be adversely affected. Not to mention, how needed insects for these species could be adversely affected. These endangered species deserve more protection than they are being given, although it seems the law should at least require species impact studies prior to permitting this type of use for our Dan River. I also think it would be prudent to see a actual list of all the products and by products that will be released into the Dan River (not just chlorine) and our air due to this plant. Since they currently have no operating plants they cannot begin to collect this data much less provide it.

With this being a gas fired plant I have concerns for the air quality for my community at large but in particular my family and friends that reside in the Bethany community. In particular, I'm concerned about the amount of methane gas that would be emitted and what that could do to area livestock, wildlife, tourism, and most importantly those living in close proximity.

The noise that will come from the plant and the water pumps is of concern to many of my family members. Are the quiet, peaceful days in their backyards or us on the river soon to be over? The noise will be a huge inconvenience to the Bethany community, those who enjoy the river, and those who enjoy the park located at the pump site.

Rockingham County DOES NOT NEED anymore power suppliers. NTE says this plant will power 450,000 homes in the area with electricity but the multiple plants that already serve our area don't operate anywhere near full capacity even during peak seasons. NTE has not proven a need in this area for additional power. We already have multiple solar plants scheduled for development that will assist in providing cleaner, longer lasting energy that will be welcome in our community. No doubt there will be more solar projects in the future that will further assist if or when there is an actual need. It seems the proposed NTE plant has the potential for there to be overbuilding in the area of energy in a area that is not in need and should be looking to the future need for cleaner more reliable energy to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels. NTE does not assist in making our community stronger, healthier, or more independent. It will however eventually become a burden on this community with a 30 year contract with the county to take/steal drinking water from our families and farms.

To close, I and MANY others in our community hold fast to rejecting the addition of the NTE power plant in our county for many reasons. Reasons include but are not limited to potential negative impacts to our economy, potential negative impacts to our environment with its many federally endangered species, noise impacts, air quality reduction, and lack of need of yet another plant. Please consider our small community and those of us who will be impacted now and in the future by your decisions regarding this. Please prevent it. Help us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ann Vernon

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From: kathy thomas <kathy.mom99@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Statements
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This is a continuation of my last email sorry : I would like to add that there are so many alternative energy sources available now that have more positive environmental impact and can generate more jobs in the manufacturing and development of these sources. These will also help cut down on fracking which has horrific consequences for the environment. Again I can only hope you realize what an unnecessary thing it is to build another powerplant when the damages out way the need for the power it will produce. Please look to the future of generations to come Thanks Kathy

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From: kathy thomas <kathy.mom99@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:07 PM
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I am opposed to the building of another power plant for several reasons: First and foremost is the environmental impact on the abundance of wild life that depends on the water and surrounding habitats that the river provides. These will most certainly be harmed if not totally destroyed by the heating of the water and the chemicals used in processing it before dumping it back in to the river.

Secondly there are generations of families who have enjoyed the recreational qualities the river provides also those who have built businesses that have helped the local economy grow. These pleasures will surely be compromised due to the noise and environmental pollution created by this powerplant Which in all reality is totally unnecessary and seems to me will only provide money for big business and take away for the people who have lived and benefit form the River. I only hope your eyes will open to the harm this powerplant will bring to this area unnecessarily before it is to late.

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From: Kristi Marshall <kppmarshall@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Statements
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I live in Rockingham and am opposed to the NTE power plant. My family has farmed in this county since 1796, and cherish the land and the air and the water and the people who so respectfully love and choose this way of life.

It saddens me to know that precious life-giving and God-given natural resources could be so easily sold and 'developed' and destroyed with few to no benefit to our community. Instead, those benefitting would be utility customers thousands of miles away. The infrastructure of our beloved hometown would not survive. Please do not allow this to happen.

Kristi Price Marshall

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From: Kayla Nelson <kaylanelson1988@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Statements
Subject: Docit emp-92 usb

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We don't have a shortage of energy and there is no need for this in our community.

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From: Betty <wilsonbetwilson@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Statements
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As a Rockingham County property owner, I am opposed to the proposed power to be built in the Bethany community. This plant would appear to provide few job in comparison to the costs to Rockingham County in terms of water provided and other advantages. There are not enough advantages to the county overall to warrant the harm to the environment that would be created by this project.

Betty M. Wilson, Witty Road property owner.

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From: BreAnna Gwynn <breannagwynn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:57 AM
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to ask you to please reconsider putting the power plant in my beloved community Bethany. I grew up in this community and I still reside here. I grew up in a very quiet place where I could run outside and hear the sound of other local children also playing. It's been my dream to one day have children of my own that could also be in one of the best communities there is. It's sad for me to think that my children could grow up near a power plant. We (Bethany) are slowly growing into an industrial community, and I'm not sure as to why that seems like a good idea. It seems to me that a community this dense and a community that consists of families and farmers with children, crops and livestock, that the tiny little Bethany community would not be the best place for this plant. Please reconsider putting the plant in my community. It's just not right. It's not the right place for it, especially with the plants that are already in the area. We don't need another one. Please please please consider this.

Thank you,
BreAnna Gwynn

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From: David Wells <kayaxi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:38 PM
To: Statements
Subject: Docket EMP-92 Sub NTE proposed gas power plant in Reidsville

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I am opposed to the NTE gas power plant proposed for "Reidsville", which will actually be located in the Bethany area. I live on Jacobs Creek Road, close to where the pipeline will pull ridiculous amounts of water out of the Dan River.

In addition to losing *millions* of gallons of water out of the river, we get to experience more toxins from yet another power plant in this area. I am worried about my property value as well as my health. We already have two power plants. There is NO evidence that we need a third plant in this area. NTE has not proven the need for this power plant.

I moved to this area 10 years ago, looking forward to using the Dan River for recreational purposes. It is a tourism destination that employs more people than this tiny power plant will employ; in addition, this power plant will disrupt the river tourism with its pipeline, add toxins to our air, bring more noise and disruption to the Bethany area, and fold up in a few years when sustainable energy becomes more profitable, leaving us with yet another empty building filled with toxins.

In the 10 years that I have been here, I have seen the county do more to disrupt the asset that the Dan River is, rather than to promote it. I think it's high time someone thought more than two years into the future. We are close to having a four-lane highway all the way from Greensboro. Let's start promoting the Dan River instead of sucking it dry.

Again, I oppose the NTE gas power plant that's planned for my backyard.

David Wells

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From: tammiam2012@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 6:02 PM
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My letter I sent.....To the North Carolina Utility Commission:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

Morris, Paige

From: Heather Dorsett <hdorsett@mica.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 5:19 PM
To: Statements
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NC Utility Commission,

As a young Rockingham County native I am extremely concerned and turned off by the idea of the proposed NTE power plant in Bethany. I just turned 24 and God willing I have a lot of life ahead of me and I want to spend that life living in and seeing a thriving county and community. From what I have heard, not one single Bethany resident wants the plant in their home. It does not present any positives to their lives, the county's life, and certainly NOT the environment's wellbeing.

There is NO need for another power plant in the area and all it would do is be destructive to human health and the planet's health - you destroy the planet then you destroy the ecosystem. Without a naturally balanced ecosystem human wellbeing will not exist. Simple as that. Money is not an excuse either. Greed is ugly. You can't take money with you when you're six feet under. I have faith you know that and you don't need some twenty-something telling you that.

The power plant would also hurt the local economy. Each community in Rockingham County has been working hard towards bettering local businesses and promoting tourism with those businesses and with the beautiful landscapes we are blessed to have in the area. Another power plant would do nothing but discourage tourism thus hurting the already poor economy we have.

As people we have a responsibility to protect each other and protect our environment. A power plant would hurt our air quality, water quality, and overall quality of life. THAT is NOT protecting each other as brothers and sisters and that is NOT protecting the environment and wildlife biodiversity. Instead, work towards CLEAN energy and empower Rockingham County to be a leader in that.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my thoughts.

I have faith you will listen and that you are more than just a company but you are a people who truly care about other people and our environment.

Heather Dorsett
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Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 5:12 PM
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Utilities Commission:

I live in the Bethany community of Rockingham county. I am opposed to the proposed NTE plant moving here. It would not be good for my community economically or environmentally. Please do not allow this plant here, it is not needed or wanted. Than you for your consideration.
Sandra Dean (include address)

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Sandra Dean
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