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To Whom it may concern:

My name is Patricia Levy, I live adjacent to the road front acreage on New Lebanon Church Road that was purchased by NTE Energy. Specifically, my address is 1151 New Lebanon Church Road in Reidsville NC 27320 aka Bethany NC. I am writing to share my concerns regarding the proposed power plant.

I would like to share one of many concerns in relation to another power plant within 1 mile of the Duke Energy plant. I was unaware that the land was purchased until we found the surveying flags that were at the back of our property line. Upon investigating, I discovered an article in the paper; subsequently my husband went to the planning board in Wentworth but the "open forum" meeting had already passed so we were unable to express our concerns. We did obtain the minutes of the meeting and some of our concerns were address by the community.

* From an environmental stand point, my husband inquired at Wentworth Planning Department and he was told it has not been researched yet. From the maps that we obtained, it appears the plant will be only a couple hundred yards from our back door. With that being said, the environmental impact will hit us directly. We will be dealing with not only the possible toxins, but the noise factor and everything in between. We tried researching other NTE Energy plants, but were unable to obtain information due to the plants being new or currently being built. I would ask that this research be completed and shared with the community prior to final approvals.

* The amount of water that NTE will require is a huge concern. I have read literature and minute meetings that all have different estimations, but they are all astronomical and will play a huge role when we hit drought season. Oh let's not forget that we the taxpayers will be paying for the pipeline. So who will suffer during droughts? I'm pretty sure it won't be NTE. Will there be a "clause" that protects us during droughts in legal standing?

* How will the toxins that will inevitably leak from the pipeline affect our water source. We already deal with the coal ash treatments, what else will be released into our water.

* The county offered large incentives for NTE Energy, it will provide a few hundred temporary jobs for the proposed 3 years it takes to build, but then only 20 or so permanent jobs once completed. We as taxpayers will be footing the bill, the temporary jobs will be gone and those folks will again be out of work and unable to pay the taxes.

* We already have enough power plants for current supply and for future growth. Why would we jeopardize this community when it is not needed? Shouldn't we be looking for "go green" environmentally safe options like Solar?

* From my own personal standpoint, I am concerned about the noise level for one. The Duke energy plant is a mile or so behind us and it is very noisy. My husband inquired at the planning department and he was told that the Duke plant is loud because it is older and out of date and that NTE Energy would do all it could to minimize

their noise level. Currently we can't enjoy walks in the woods behind our house due to the "roaring" noise, we have to run a fan at night to help drown out the noise so we can sleep. We have had times when our house shook so hard that pictures fell from the walls when Duke had to do an emergency shut down. Now we are looking at another plant that will be only a few hundred yards from our back door. We will lose some of the buffer we get from the trees when they are cut down to build the new facility; that equals a double "whammy" for us. Another huge concern, NTE energy stated their plant would not impact the Bethany property tax values. I beg to differ. It may not affect most, but it will definitely affect my property and 3-4 other properties. No one in their right mind will purchase property to dwell that close to a power plant. Our quality of life, already impeded with the Duke plant, will be severely impacted. All of our carefully laid plans for retirement ruined for what; a power plant that is not needed, that may or may not have environmental impacts not even researched yet. We are in our 50's, our house will be paid for right about the time the proposed plant is completed. If the plant is approved, we will be either unable to sell or will be forced to sell for much less and essentially have to start over or we will have to continue to live where we are with impeded quality of life. We moved to this community all those years ago so we could raise our children in a safe environment and to be able to enjoy our retirement. Now we are at risk of losing our own enjoyment and a safe environment for our grandchildren.

In closing, I realize why NTE chose this area. They have the gas line, the power plant and a sparsely populated area. However, what I personally have to lose, what my neighbors & community have to lose for a plant that is not needed and unproven to be environmentally safe is not worth the risk. Please consider an alternative such as solar; something that is "green" and more in time with future growth.

Thank you,

Patricia Levy