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Subject: NTE Power Plant in Rockingham County

To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong resident of the Bethany community in Rockingham county; and I very greatly opposed the arrival of this power plant into our area for a number of reasons.

First, there is no need for it in our area. The two power plants we already have, run at a fraction of capacity even in peak times. So, this definitely appears to me to be OVERBUILDING in an area that has shown no need of the extra power.

Secondly, the number of jobs provided to our community is minimal; with an expected 15 total jobs provided some of which will not be locally sourced.

When you pair these reasons with all of the environmental concerns that have been testified to in hearings on the matter; logic demands that we do not allow this to happen. The amount of water to be pulled from the Dan River will hurt not only the endangered species that are Federally protected, but also hurt outdoor recreational businesses in the area. The amount of chlorinated water to be but back into the river will not exactly help our endangered species either.

On top of all of these concerns is the drinking water supply for the communities downstream. To pull millions of gallons of water a day from the river whose discharge rate is in the hundreds of thousands gallons of water a day, will definitely impact the water supply for communities Like Eden, Danville, and all other communities who use the river for their drinking water.

I am also concerned for all of my neighbors who will be living in close proximity to the station. The toxicity of the gasses given off by these types of plants are well documented. They are toxic to not only people but livestock and crops. The population in the area is too dense, and there are too many other potential damages to the citizens of our community for this to make any sense.

So in closing, we stand at a "fork in the road" to decide how to benefit our community the most; and this isn't it. When we OVERBUILD, provide FEW JOBS, wreck our greatest natural resource in the area, and poison our citizens and their crops/livestock; we are doing nothing to improve our community and make it into a place where people want to live, travel to, or spend money. Please , listen to these very real concerns and help us keep our community healthy, vibrant and growing. Lets divert these resources to much needed programs that will better our community for the long term. Thank you. Sincerely, Jeremy Clifton Warren