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**From:** carrie mccollum <mccoll0@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 4:03 AM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Docket EMP-92 Sub NTE Proposed power plant in Reidsville

To Whom It May Concern:

As a lifelong resident of the community of Bethany, the location for the proposed NTE power plant, I must voice to you my opposition to this project. My concerns are many, starting with environmental. The power plant would require up to 5 million gallons of water per day from the Dan River. Peak demand for water to run the plant would come at times when the river is already over taxed, namely, when heat and humidity are running high and the river is running low. There are no studies to show how drawing this 5 million gallons per day will effect the river or what effects the chlorinated water returning to the river will be. There is already the Belews Creek Steam Station, the city of Eden, and multiple other businesses drawing from the river. Also, there is already a Dan River Energy Plant, a Duke Energy plant, as well as the Belews Creek Station to provide our county with energy. The farm I live on is only about a mile from the existing Duke Energy Plant. Even with a large wooded area between my home and the plant the noise from the plant is very loud and annoying and I can only imagine how horrible the noise will be from the combined plants. Our area is already well provided with energy. If we must have more energy production, we should be transitioning to cleaner sources of energy, such as wind and solar instead. Burning to create energy will soon be the way of the past, like typewriters and CD players. Please don't ruin the tranquility, peace and beauty of my community for this inessential, for profit energy plant. I feel that the tax payers of Rockingham County would not want to pay for the pipeline from the river if given a choice. The measly amount of permanent jobs this plant would create is a poor pay-off when you take into consideration the wear and tear on our roads during construction, the environmental risk, the cost to the taxpayers for the pipeline and the corruption of our pastoral countryside. Thanks for your consideration,

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