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From: Kitty Williams <kitwits@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Statements
Subject: NTE proposed gas power plant in Reidsville

Re: Docket EMP-92 Sub

I would like to comment on the proposed NTE power plant in Rockingham County. I hope you will reject this application.

I'm most concerned about what large withdrawals (and returns of "treated" water" will do to the Dan River in low water times. There is no study provided concerning what up to 5 million gallons of water per day will do to water levels in the river. The greatest water requirement will come when humidity and heat are highest and most likely when the river is lowest.

I'm also concerned about the impact this basically unneeded plant will have on our rural communities. We the citizens will have to pay for the pipeline and waste treatment but there are already other power plants in the area operating under capacity. The NTE plant will be build using outdated technology, to meet a need that doesn't exist, in a county where the population is declining, next door to another plant that is working under capacity.

Local people who moved here for the peace and fresh air would prefer to see renewable energy sources.

Other concerns:

The historic assessment for the area where the power plant will go was completely inadequate. Historic assets will be lost if the power plant comes in.

And finally, there are noise concerns in the area already from the other gas generating plant there and residents say as the existing plant ages the noise gets louder. Presumably the same thing will happen with a second plant, which will double the noise experienced by neighbors who chose to live there for the rural quiet and peace, not for power plants.

At the least there should be further environmental and historic studies for this application before it is considered. But hopefully you will turn it down.

Thank you,

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Radon is a radioactive gas that is typically found in methane. It is not combustible and it is possibly more concentrated in fracked gas. Rockingham County has a lot of naturally occurring radon. Before bringing another gas fired electric plant to Rockingham Co. more studies need to be completed on radon emissions. How will homes downwind of gas burning electric generating stations be effected by radon emissions from these plants?

According to stated estimates, we will not see a return on our investment for 6 years. That is quite a gamble on an industry that is, and needs to be, phasing out in favor of clean energy sources. All indications are that we need to step up the time line for replacing fossil fuels as an energy source. Soon NC will have its first wind farm. There is enough potential for offshore wind power in NC to at least power our state. NC has done a great job with solar power, moving to number 3 in the country. There is no solid evidence that this plant will be needed in the near future. This company has no track record with no plants in operation.

Since Duke Energy has been allowed to take over Piedmont Gas, the Utilities Commission must also consider the harm to competition in the energy market that this plant will bring.

Thank you for your consideration,

Glenn Bozorth