

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF  
NORTH BERGEN LIBERTY GENERATING POWER PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles based Diamond Generating Corporation, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi, has proposed and requested permits to build a \$1.5 Billion, 1,200-MW natural gas-fired power plant in North Bergen, New Jersey. The electric energy produced by this plant would be transmitted by a 6.5 mile, 345-kV underground and submarine cable under the Hudson River to connect with Con Edison's sub-station on West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York. All of the generated electricity would be used by Con Edison in New York. It is anticipated that permit approvals by the EPA and New Jersey DEP would be issued by the end of 2019 and the plant operational by 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, this natural gas plant would be one of the largest sources of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council are charged with ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies have linked exposure between air pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure facilities and neurological, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects, and other adverse impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, acute health impacts from these toxic exposures can cause burning eyes, headaches, breathing difficulty and nausea for nearby populations and can exasperate health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Medical Association acknowledges the hazards of natural gas infrastructure and associated adverse health impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the top 11 electric plant operators in the United States have been fined over \$13.3 Billion since 2000 for 161 environmental violations; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the American Lung Association, "State of the Air 2018" report, the Counties of Bergen and Hudson, which will be most impacted by emissions from this power plant already have significant populations with pediatric and adult asthma, COPD, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, whose conditions will only be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed gas fired plant will produce limited economic benefits to the Town of North Bergen and to a lesser degree, surrounding towns, this will primarily occur during the construction phase and after that, the residents of these towns will continue to incur the health care costs associated with increased pollution into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative approaches to producing electricity have been offered from solar panels which would avoid all of the environmental and health issues while still providing new jobs and other financial benefits to local towns and would be in conformance with administration goals to increase the use of renewable energy.

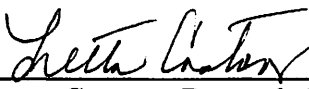
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Closter, in the interest of protecting its residents businesses, institutions and fellow New Jersey residents, strongly oppose the construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating Power Plant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall forward a Resolution to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, Commissioner of the New Jersey DEP, Senator Gerald Cardinale, State Assembly Persons, Holly Schepisi and Robert Auth.

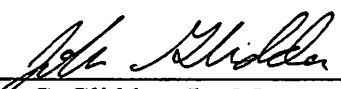
Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Amitai			X			
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Yammarino	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			

Adopted: October 10, 2018

ATTEST:

  
 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

  
 John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter at the Regular Meeting held October 10, 2018.

Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk