

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER

RESOLUTION # 39-19

| | Moved | Second | Ayes | Nays | Absent | Abstain | I hereby certify the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River at a meeting held on <u>2/7/19</u> . <i>Free Sider</i> Borough Clerk |
|------------------------|-------|--------|------|------|--------|---------|---|
| Councilman DeBerardine | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Councilman DiMartino | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Councilman Ditkoff | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| Councilman Durante | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Councilwoman Florio | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Councilman Hafner | | | | | ✓ | | |

WHEREAS, Los Angeles-based Diamond Generating Corporation, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi, has proposed and has requested permits to build a 1,200-mega-watt natural gas-fired power plant in North Bergen; and

WHEREAS, all documentation to date states that all of the electricity produced by the plant would be used by ConED in New York and the project is anticipating permit approvals by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by the end of 2019, and to be operational by 2022; and

WHEREAS, this natural gas plant would be a large source of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River has a principal responsibility to protect health and safety of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, gas infrastructure facilities can annually emit into the air hundreds of tons of pollutants including particulate matter, toxic chemicals such as sulfur dioxide, mercury, and other pollutants; 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, and other conditions which will be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Bergen and Hudson Counties already receive grades of 'F' from the American Lung Association for ozone air pollution, and this proposed new plant will increase the concentration of ground ozone; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired electric plant will be approximately one mile from an existing gas-fired electric plant operated by PSE&G that is already one of the largest sources of air pollution in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will produce limited and temporary economic benefits to Bergen County due to the fact that New Jersey electrical generating equipment is exempt from property tax and the residents of Bergen will incur the health care costs associated with increased pollution; and

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WHEREAS, the gas-fired power plant represents a direct threat to one of the state's most crucial ecological resources, the Meadowlands, which serves many beneficial functions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will provide electric energy to New York only; and

WHEREAS, the intensity of development requested by this plant is inappropriate for this region given the population density in our area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey in the interest of protecting its residents and businesses opposes construction of the north Bergen Liberty Generating power plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Catherine McCabe, Senator Kristin Corrado, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney, Assemblyman Chris DePhillips, County Executive James Tedesco and the Northwest Bergen Association of Mayors .