

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**  
**RESOLUTION #18-144**

**A RESOLUTION – OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH BERGEN  
LIBERTY GENERATING POWER PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles based Diamond Generating Corporation has requested permits to build a \$1.5B, 1200 MW natural gas fired power plant in North Bergen New Jersey on a 15 acre parcel near Railroad Avenue on the banks of Bellman Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the electric produced by this plant be transmitted via underground service to New York City's Con Edison substation on W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan for the exclusive use of New York residents and businesses and to compensate for the loss of energy from the anticipated closure of the Indian Point Nuclear Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous reputable scientific studies link exposure to emissions from these plants to various diseases and child development issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the reputation of the owners and operators of these plants is called into question by over \$13B in fines in the last decade. The production of the emissions from these plants not only poses a health hazard to the residents of the surrounding communities but is inconsistent with the development of clean energy which the Governing Body of the Township supports; and

**WHEREAS**, New York will bear all of the benefits of this power plant while ignoring its obligation to provide energy resources for the benefit of its citizens. New Jersey gains limited economic benefit which is far outweighed by the health and safety risks posed to the citizens of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus.

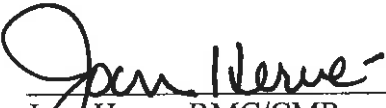
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions it strongly opposes construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating Power Plant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to:

- New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy
- Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection – Catherine McCabe
- State Senator Joseph Lagana
- State Assemblyperson Swain and Tully
- Food 7 Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, Suite 310, New Brunswick NJ 08901
- The Sierra Club – New Jersey Chapter, 145 W. Hanover Street, Trenton NJ 08618
- Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Hudson County Freeholders and Administration and all Hudson County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions
- Bergen County Freeholders and Administration and all Bergen County Municipal Council, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions
- League of Municipalities

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<b>Mayor Randall</b>						
<b>Councilmember Troast</b>	X		X			
<b>Councilmember Rorty</b>						X
<b>Councilmember Shell</b>		X	X			
<b>Councilmember Iannelli</b>			X			
<b>Councilmember Fiato</b>						X
<b>Councilmember Crossley</b>			X			

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council at the Sine Die Meeting on January 7, 2019

  
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 Joan Herve, RMC/CMR  
 Borough Clerk