

**RESOLUTION 61-19
OPPOSING POWER PLANT IN NORTH BERGEN**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles-based Diamond Generating Corporation, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi, has proposed and has requested permits to build a 1,200 megawatt 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 Con Edison 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin Lakes has a principal responsibility to protect the 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 and mercury; 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,

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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin Lakes, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, in the interest of protecting its residents and businesses, opposes construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating power plant; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded 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 Christopher DePhillips, and County Executive James Tedesco.

I, Sally T. Bleeker, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Franklin Lakes, do hereby certify that the above is a certified true copy of a resolution passed by the Mayor and Council on the 5th day of February 2019, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, a quorum being present.



Sally T. Bleeker, Municipal Clerk

February 6, 2019
