



April 5, 2013

**VIA EMAIL**

Barbara Parsons  
Chair, Town of Wawayanda Planning Board  
80 Ridgebury Hill Road  
Slate Hill, NY 10973

**Re: Comments on the Necessity of the Proposed CPV Valley Energy Center**

Dear Ms. Parsons:

Riverkeeper, Inc. (Riverkeeper) submits the following comments on the proposed CPV Valley Energy Center (the CPV Project) in the Town of Wawayanda, Orange County, New York, pursuant to the Town Planning Board's extended comment period on the approval of this project.

Riverkeeper is a member-supported watchdog organization dedicated to defending the Hudson River and its tributaries and protecting the drinking water supply of nine million New York City and Hudson Valley residents. Riverkeeper is actively involved in litigation, advocacy, and public education surrounding the issue of shale gas extraction and related infrastructure, particularly because of the potential impacts on New York State's drinking water supplies. Riverkeeper has also been advocating for the closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plant, located in the Town of Buchanan, Westchester County, New York. As part of these efforts, Riverkeeper has taken the position that Indian Point's power can and should be replaced with a portfolio of clean energy resources: renewable resources such as wind and solar and energy efficiency. The October 2012 Synapse Energy Economics report "Indian Point Replacement Analysis: A Clean Energy Roadmap", co-commissioned by Riverkeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Council, concludes:

New York could replace the entirety of Indian Point's 2,060 MW of capacity by implementing a clean energy portfolio comprised of 1,030 MW of energy efficiency and 1,030 MW of renewable capacity.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TIM WOOLF ET AL., SYNAPSE ENERGY ECONOMICS, INC., INDIAN POINT REPLACEMENT ANALYSIS: A CLEAN ENERGY ROADMAP; A PROPOSAL FOR REPLACING THE NUCLEAR PLANT WITH CLEAN, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESOURCES 1-2 (Oct. 2012), *available at* <http://www.riverkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Synapse-Indian-Point-Replacement-Study-10-11.pdf>.

As such, Riverkeeper strongly believes that natural gas-powered energy is not necessary to replace energy currently provided by Indian Point. In light of this, the CPV Project is not necessary to implement a clean energy portfolio for New York, and we recommend that the Town of Wawayanda Planning Board should not approve the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Hudson", written in a cursive style.

Kate Hudson  
Watershed Program Director

Cc: Patt Battiato  
Secretary, Town of Wawayanda Planning Board

Pramilla Malick  
Stop the Minisink Compressor Station