

To the Public Service Commission:

As regards the possible permitting of the CPV gas-fired power plant in the Town of Wawayanda, New York:

After listening to the comments at the public hearing on Feb 25th, **I am convinced that this power plant in this location at this time is a truly bad idea.**

The biggest reason is that **there is no need for the plant.** Four power plants in the region have recently been forced to close because there was insufficient demand for electricity for them to run efficiently or profitably. Various studies have shown that overall demand for electricity is declining in the region and across the country.

Second, it is planned that **the cost burden for this new plant will be borne, not by the private sector, but rather by a combination of local taxpayers and utility customers.** Even if the plant were necessary, this would be a gross inequity.

Third, while we may not have every bit of scientific evidence, **it is clear that there will be significant health, environmental, and public safety risks.**

Finally, it is true that the project **will create jobs, first when the power plant is built and again down the road when it files for bankruptcy, is decommissioned, and torn down,** but this is not a sufficient reason for an unnecessary plant to be built.

Please stop, read these comments carefully, weigh the long term impacts ... and then say no.

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