

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CPV VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope hereby opposes the CPV Valley Energy Center, in Orange County NY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that all permits issued by all permitting agencies be suspended until the health, safety and environmental impacts can be independently verified

RESOLVED, that the Town Board request that the Orange County IDA cancel all agreements with CPV.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that the CPV project not be given any state guarantees, or purchase agreements.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests the NYS DEC reject the Water Quality Certification for the CPV Valley Lateral Pipeline.

WHEREAS, Competitive Power Ventures has received conditional approval from the Town of Wawayanda to build a 650 MW Gas & Oil Power Plant project which will include 2-275 foot smoke stacks and a near million gallon oil tank, a 15,000 ammonia tank & gas insulation substation in both the Town of Wawayanda and the City of Middletown, known as the CPV Valley Energy Center.

WHEREAS, the CPV Valley Energy Center would create a significant new source of toxic air emissions that will deteriorate the air quality of the lower Hudson valley, including 2.1 million tons of CO₂e & 700 tons of other criteria pollutants, including high amounts of particulate matter, nitrous oxides, sulfur dioxides & volatile organic compounds each of which are known to have significant adverse health impacts.

WHEREAS, recent peer reviewed scientific studies demonstrate substantial adverse health risks from exposure to shale gas development, including power plants.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Hope is 9.1 miles from the project.

WHEREAS, air contaminants emitted by the CPV Valley Project will not be confined within artificial town borders and therefore are of regional concern, and

WHEREAS, families living within a mile of Millenium's 12,260 HP compressor station in Minisink, NY have experienced respiratory, neurological & dermatological problems since it began operating, and the Minisink Compressor Station will service the CPV Valley power plant.

WHEREAS recent studies demonstrate that ozone inhibits crop production.

WHEREAS, the CPV Valley Energy would only economically benefit the Town of Wawayanda and to a minimal degree the City of Middletown while all other health, safety & environmental costs would burden neighboring municipalities and residents.

WHEREAS, the location of CPV Valley Project is in a pristine and protected agricultural district designated by the NYSDEC as a critical environmental area rich in ecological resources which are shared public natural resources.

WHEREAS, the site of the project serves to recharge the Wallkill River aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for 40,000 people in Orange County and northern New Jersey, designated as a sole source aquifer,

WHEREAS, CPV also would require a 7 mile lateral pipeline to be owned & operated by the millennium pipeline known as the CPV lateral pipeline which would go through the Town of Minisink, also a protected agricultural district,

WHEREAS, pipelines are prone to leaks and explosions.

WHEREAS, the American Medical Assoc. and the Medical Society of the State of NY have adopted resolutions entitled "Protecting Public Health from Natural Gas Infrastructure" which recognize the potential impact on human health associated with natural gas infrastructure and call for a government assessment of risk associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the 7 mile lateral pipeline would take private property from landowners via eminent domain.

WHEREAS, there have been over 10,000 pipeline incidents since 1973 including explosion in San Bruno, CA resulting in 8 fatalities and more recently an explosion of a pipeline in Sissionville, WV owned and operated by NiSource the same parent company of the Millenium pipeline that destroyed 5 homes and melted an entire section of an interstate highway.

WHEREAS, CPV Valley would lock our region into a 30 year dependence on climate changing fossil fuels including fracked gas that threatens our regional air, water & food resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and Town Board hereby strongly opposes the CPV Valley Energy Project because of its potential degradation of our air quality, drinking water & the potential to risk the health and safety of our region and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipal clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, Orange County Legislature & State Legislature.