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### **Cricket Valley Energy Project Dover Plains**

These are my concerns, requests and questions, most of which were stated at the DEC meeting on Saturday July 9, 2011

- A third party review of this project should be paid for by Cricket Valley. The third party used must be chosen by the Town of Dover.
- If The Town Board is NOT the Lead Agency, then the meeting of local residents should be directly with the DEC members who are making the decision. I believe the DEC representative had to leave the meeting.
- The Cricket Valley Power Plant from will remove clean water from our aquifer, and in exchange they will add air, visual and noise pollutants to our environment. This will increase the health risks to residents, many of whom have moved to the Dover Region to avoid city pollutants.
- Due to the stagnant nature of the air in the Harlem Valley Region, this is particularly true.
- No exception to decibel levels should be considered.
- Dover and surrounding Towns must be given the opportunity to buy local electrical power from Cricket Valley at reduced rates.
- Cricket Valley can do much more to give to the Dover Community: new acreage of trees and parks can be purchased, trees can be planted to offset the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that will be pumped daily into our air, a plant can be built to remove toxins from existing water ways and the aquifers. Air pollution monitoring systems, educational scholarships and the support of local land acquisition and environmental programs are some possible examples of appropriate give backs to our community.
- It is unclear as to whether this plant is needed. What would be the implications if no contract to produce power was obtained? What precautions can be put in place now to prevent abandonment? How can we set up the agreement between the Town and Cricket Valley, so that any new owners are held responsible for environmentally sound actions?

- This project can be a “hybrid” power generating plant which would include solar and wind power. This would be a more appropriate example of working towards a green, sustainable energy plan for the future.
- GE is building a power plant that uses a flexible natural gas power generator coupled with concentrating solar power and wind turbines
- It was unclear as to whether bog turtles and rattlesnakes are on this site and how they would be protected.
- Jobs in the community in exchange for polluted air for everyone else, is not acceptable.
- Has Cricket Valley explained how they would avoid a deadly situation similar to the explosion at a Middletown CT plant?
- What is making Dover so attractive to developers of environmentally risky projects? Is it that the developers know that Dover will not be able to afford the third party review and the litigation that may be needed to oppose any inappropriate aspects of the project?

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