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Dear Mr. Tomasik,

Cricket Valley proposed to build a 1,000- megawatt natural gas fired power plant on an old industrial site along Rt 22. As a Dover resident I have some concerns how this plant will affect our air, water, railroad, property value, traffic, noise and jobs. This proposed plant will be built on 131-acre property that includes the Great Swamp. I must be honest as a mother of three and with a mother suffering for Alzheimer I wish I had more time to spend reading all the DEIS documents but I don't. I sit here wondering how I can make a difference even though I have no time to go through all the information necessary to understand the affect of this plant on our Town.

Here are some of the questions I feel we need to address:

- 1- First off all, we must ask ourselves do we need this huge plant in Dover? Do we need it anyplace else?
- 2-What impact will this enormous plant have in Dover and surrounding areas, specially when we live in a valley and our air is already so poor? I think it is imperative to have an outside company do all the studies here in Dover so we can better understand the impact this plant will have in our air.
- 3-How the Great Swamp is going to be affected by this plant? Was the study made by Cricket Valley a true reading of how our resources will be affected and what is the long time effect?
- 4- Is having the railroad so close do the plant a disaster waiting to happen?

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5- Cricket Valley mentioned they will result in 25-30 permanent jobs . Is it sufficient to have this plant and its impact in Dover just to guarantee 25-30 jobs?
Is the risk worth?

6- How much noise is this plant will generate? Is it safe? After the plant is in operation is not much we can do. Therefore we must concentrate now and we must make sure we don't make a choice without making sure it is best choice for us. All Dover residents have the right to live in a safe environment.

7- How is our traffic going to be affected? The proposed site for parking is across street from my house and believe me when I purchase my home nowhere in my dreams was a plant nor a parking that accommodate over 800 vehicle. I bought my house in Dover because I wanted to live in a safe and quiet environment. Will the proposed site for the parking create drivers to use side streets such as my road Sherman Hill Rd?

8- Did Cricket Valley take in consideration the air quality around the parking area? How are they going to control air quality at the plant site and ant the parking site? How are they going to keep the dust that the traffic will create?

9- What about property value? We must ask who wants to buy a home across the street from a power plant?

10- How will Cricket Valley provide natural gas to Dover Knolls? Is their any other construction that will take place to provide others with natural gas?

I must say there is no question that this plant is state of art. One must ask is this plant the best choice for Dover? Do we have enough information? No. Are we moving to fast? In my opinion the answer is yes. I don't know enough about all the impacts this plant will bring to Dover and surrounding towns, Therefore I am writing this letter with my concerns and I truly hope that you take in consideration not only my request but all the other requests from our Dover residents and other surrounding area.

I thank you for the opportunity to write to you about my concerns regarding Cricket Valley plant and I hope that we the residents of Dover get to an opportunity to get an outside agency to do the studies so we can better understand the impacts this plant will bring into our valley. We must keep in mind we never thought 911 would happen but it did. I don't want the same thing to happen to Dover.

Sincerely,
Cristina Bleakley