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Commissioner Katie Dykes
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Dykes,

I'm writing today on behalf of the Town of Brookfield and all its concerned citizens over the proposed pending permit before your agency on the installation of additional compressors at the Iroquois Gas Facility.

This has been ongoing issue of great concern to us since it was forced upon us without us having a say in the matter. Now we are facing the possibility of an expansion with again no say in the matter.

I know you have heard from the Brookfield First Selectman as well as the other Selectman, but I would also like to echo my town's concerns over the permit. As you heard from the local officials, if this permit is to be approved, I respectfully request that the town's three primary recommendations are implemented by Iroquois Gas which will not only help protect the environment and our residents but will also safeguard our middle school students who attend school just 1800 feet from the facility.

1. Require, before the plant is enlarged, that Iroquois hire an independent air testing firm to determine ambient air quality from the two existing Iroquois compressors at the current site to ensure, without question, that the facility is operating and meeting all air quality standards of the federal government and the State of CT. Today, only stack testing is performed, but no ambient air quality testing. We would ask that the permit require independent annual testing be conducted after construction is completed to ensure the plant continues to meet all air quality standards.
2. Require that, under Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) guidance, that Electric Motor Drives be required instead of the proposed gas turbines, regardless of additional associated costs. The health of our children and residents outweighs economic savings by Iroquois.

3. Require that there be safety and security controls implemented which include but are not limited to: adequate security fencing, on-site personnel, earthen barriers between the site and Whisconier Middle School, earthen barriers to protect nearby residences, and additional technology and monitoring to reduce and minimize air pollution and protect residents from potential catastrophic events including an emergency alarm system for the public.

Once again, I urge you to seriously consider the three essential proposals put forth by our town. This entire process has been deeply frustrating, as our residents—who bear the greatest risk from this project while receiving no direct benefit—have been given no voice in the decision-making.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be more than happy to discuss this matter with you and provide any information you may need.

Sincerely,



Martin Foncello, Jr.
State Representative

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Selectmen Robert D. Belden, Jr.
Selectwoman Tara Carr