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ATTN:
Planning and Economic Development Committee
Committee Room A
York Region Administrative Centre

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am unable to attend the hearing of 3 September 2008, however I would like you to note that Megga-What has our full support.

We ask that you please consider the following Peaker Plant Information when reviewing the proponents' industry submissions.

1. The Peaker Plants are proposing to be operated only on an "as needed" basis, however it is very difficult to believe that such a large capital investment will be allowed to sit idle and unproductive during "regular demand" times.

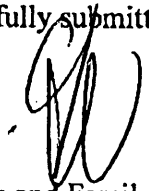
This "only as needed" claim is disturbing on many levels. Firstly, that ratepayers will be expected to fund such wasteful intermittent operation via billing rates. Secondly, that the owners of the project will be tempted not to lose the opportunity of selling power back into the grid.

There appears to be NO written guarantee in the proposal, nor any of publicly presented industry documentation, that the plant will only be run during the high peak demand hours. What empirically supportive criteria will be used for constituting "peak demand run time" requirements? Regardless, if these objectives are included as part of an Operations Agreement, we all know that historically, industry pressure and lobbying can work to eventually overturn and revise any conditions or safeguards originally required for project approval. The original concerns and debate are soon forgotten for the sake of "claimed" progress or corporate profits.

2. All environmental data being publicly distributed by industry proponents seems to be based on using only the "run as needed" assumption. Not to investigate all inevitable future increases in operation cycles would be in our opinion, criminal. The laughable idea of a "new" 70% *Inefficient* power generating policy can only be made worse by not demanding that all supportive data (and distributed to the public) be based on the assumptions of future regional development and the requirement for full time Peaker plant operation. This is especially required when considering the economic and corporate temptations as discussed in above in item
3. We ask that you consider that all environmental calculations presented to the public by the applicants were seemingly based on an extremely limited and shortsighted impact radius. (I believe it was only within eight kilometres of the proposed Plant site). The argument was that this "micro environment" is all that is required to be investigated under the regulating environmental legislation for this type of project. Our only comment here can be one of asking for any adjudicators to use their common sense. To base any decision on such a limited study area could have irreversible environmental, health, fiscal and legal consequences. Once that genie has escaped from the bottle, how much will future generations living beyond the eight-kilometre zone regret?
4. We have avoided an obvious debate regarding Premier McGinty's short-sightedness and missed opportunity to lead Canada with a renewable power supply proposal, rather than an antiquated, inefficient and expensive privatized Peaker Plant strategy. We would suggest that Ontarians may not be against Peaker Plants specifically, but rather against inefficient, backward thinking Peaker Plant technology. A 90 % efficient, quiet, safe and unassuming power generator, which is not subject to increasingly unsecured fuel prices or environmental costs, would be most welcome in any neighbourhood. These proposals are the complete opposite, and which many believe offer only a corporate win fall to their owners.

We trust in York Region to consider ANY chance of creating a "future of regrets" and ask that you carefully consider all the evidence, but especially the evidence and possibilities that are missing.

Respectfully submitted,



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