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Good evening members of the Energy Facilities Siting Board and thank you for allowing me to speak.

My name is Jacqueline Rambone; I live at 1485 Wallum Lake Road, Pascoag RI, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the proposed power plant. I am a native Burrillvillian and one of nine children, third generation, from the William E. Gonyea family in Pascoag. We are now five generations strong.

I am here tonight in opposition of the proposed power plant for many of the same compelling reasons and concerns presented previously by the educated, well-informed and passionate residents of Burrillville and others residents from around the state of RI. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for fighting for our beautiful town.

I am here this evening to speak for many people in Burrillville not able to come to these hearings.

- I am here to advocate for all of my extended family who live within a five mile radius of the site: my daughter, my 90 year old mother, my sisters, brothers, sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.
- I am here to advocate for my neighbors, especially the residents of Zambarano Hospital who live within a mile up the street from me, for all Burrillville residents, and all the

residents of our little state of Rhode Island. I am here to advocate for our neighbors from surrounding towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts that will also be greatly impacted by this power plant.

- I am here to advocate for and fight to protect our clean air and soil, pristine woodlands, many lakes, rivers, and the beautiful parks around us: George Washington, Douglas State, Pulaski Park, the Buck Hill Forest management area, and the peace and quiet of country living.
- I am here to advocate for and protect our precious wildlife: the family of deer, fox, coyotes, owls, wild ducks, turkeys, and many wild birds that visit my yard and live in the woodlands around me.
- Burrillville is probably one of the best kept secrets in RI that I appreciate just as I appreciate and love our beautiful beaches, ocean, preserved public parks (Beavertail in Jamestown, Bretton Point in Newport) in the southern part of our state. I learned recently that there is talk of making this area part of the Blackstone Valley Corridor National Parks. I cannot begin to understand this idea to build a loud, fracked gas and diesel fuel running power plant using contaminated water with MTBE's in this proposed site of Burrillville.

- Most importantly, I am here to oppose this power plant and advocate for all the future generations of Burrillville residents that you and I will never know who will inherit this land and community. They are not here to oppose this power plant poisoning the environment. They will reap the aftermath of a polluted environment that will affect their health and quality of life <sup>unlike what we</sup> ~~as we all~~ know it today.

In closing, I want to acknowledge you have been given a tremendous responsibility in making this decision that will ultimately change the lives of so many in the present and future, inevitably in a detrimental way. Please stay strong, true to yourself and do not bend to the political pressures. Please listen to your conscience and make the right decision for our little town and all of Rhode Island. This will be your legacy to all that follow you. Governor Raimondo promotes green energy and quality of life for RI, what is happening here is contradictory to her words. Thank You

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