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My name is Mary Jane Bailey. I currently live at 80 East Wallum Lake Road in Pascoag.

I am very much opposed to the proposed power plant on Wallum Lake Road. As I see it, there is nothing beneficial to the town except for a possible small tax revenue. Yes, I said small, because it has been past experience that for an entity such as this that a large "tax break" is given for a number of years or token benefits are given.

I lived the majority of my life at 510 Wallum Lake Road. My family began renting land on Wilson's Reservoir seventy years ago. I still have a camp on that same property. We have been told that there are no plans to extend the sewer lines to homes on Wilson's Reservoir. Currently, the sewer line is within five hundred feet of the water. For seventy years we have had to use outhouses and port-a-johns. Over the past seventy years the number of homes on the reservoir have increased dramatically. Yet, the proposed power plant is going to be allowed to tap into Burrillville's sewer plant. The line for this will pass by half of the reservoir, yet no one with waterfront property will be allowed to tap into this line. If the power plant taxes this system so that a new facility must be built, who will pay for it"? Most likely me – the taxpayer.

A family member bought and renovated a home across from where I grew up on Wallum Lake Road. When the house became too large as children went off to college and careers, the couple applied for a building permit for a smaller home on what had for decades been a

Would you live as close to a plant such as this
as you are asking us to?

Gov - does this power plant do anything
to draw people to RI?

Roger Wms Dad's house 1984

What criteria will you use to make your decision
IS it's the number of people who have spoken
against this project, you have no choice but
to reject it,

Wilson's Pond + where it goes

separate lot. The town rejected that application because it would upset the aquifer beneath it. The proposed plant says it will clean up a contaminated well in Pascoag. As I understand it, they will do this by drawing so much water that it will "flush the well." I can't help but wonder what it will do to the aquifer it draws from as well as all the other aquifers it is linked to.

There have been home owners in the town who have problems building on wetlands. One, in the vicinity of Wallum Lake Road cut down trees for his house lot. DEM made the homeowner replace the cut trees. The power plant proposes to FILL IN three or more acres of wetlands. Why can it do things that the average citizen either cannot do or are penalized for?

My husband's family owns fifty acres of open land near if not abutting the power plant property. For generations, the extended family has enjoyed this property for recreation, wood, and hunting. What kind of impact will this plant have on this property? Have any environmental impact studies been done? Any time fossil fuels are burned, pollutants are spewed into the air. Have we been told the extent of the pollutants that will be released?

I clean windows with diluted ammonia. You cannot take a whiff of a bottle of ammonia without your body reacting. What are your plans for us if there is a problem with a FORTY THOUSAND GALLON AMMONIA TANK? Can you possibly guarantee the health and safety of the residents in the area?

What effect will all the traffic have on the homes just on Wallum Lake Road? The house I grew up in was built in 1787. It is only a few feet from the road. I fear for the home that five generations of my

family have lived in. The effect on the housing market has already been felt on canceled home sales. What will this do to the value of other homes?

There is more that could be said. Please tell our governor that the residents of Burrillville do not want this power plant. After two strikes with the truck tolls and the state tourism campaign, please don't make strike three!

Angrily,

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Over, please →

How many permanent jobs? who? (How many are in-house? ie not new jobs)

Will Pascoag/Barridville residents have lower bills?

Even though you say the air emissions are lower
you're talking elsewhere. Not here

Construction jobs are temporary. Our homes and way
of living are permanent.

What about noise pollution? Lead paint in town
must shut down by 10:00 P.M. This plant will be
noisy 24/7.

Tanker trucks would have to pass Wilson's
Reservoir which feeds into numerous
bodies of water. What happens if there is
just one accident in the vicinity of
the pond?