

Good evening,

My name is Terri Lacey. I'd like to take a minute to welcome you all to our spectacular town of Burrillville, known to the locals as simply, the Ville.

The reason I used the word spectacular is because I am echoing the same word used by Janet Coit in a News Release dated July 12, 2012. In this release, it was announced that DEM had purchased over 189 acres of protected land at the cost of \$900,000. Amazing and thank you to Janet and DEM for securing this parcel of protected land. We here in Burrillville agree with you and DEM, that it really is a spectacular piece of property. The release then goes on to talk about where this land is located situated adjacent to over 7000 acres of state-preserved land. To the north of this land lies 2084 acres of the Buck Hill Management area, to the south 5203 acres of the George Washington/Durfee Hill management area and abuts Connecticut's Quaddick State forest. It goes on to state, "This property is considered among the highest priority conservation parcels in the state and the high concentration of protected land in the area allows for increased habitat protection with minimal disturbance.

So my question to all of you is this. How, in 4 short years, can such a valuable piece of protected property go from being considered among one the highest priority conservation parcels, to having a 1000 megawatt PP spewing 52 known hazardous pollutants into our air less than a mile away from this spectacular piece of land? Makes no sense to me nor should it to any of you.

I'd like to continue reading a few more lines from this press release. "The forest in the northwest of our state provide so many benefits to the people of RI, including wonderful recreation opportunities, protection of fresh water supplies and room for wildlife to thrive. It is perfectly fitting that this place, where so many young men learned to appreciate the importance of nature, will now be protected for many more generations of Rhode Islanders to enjoy, said Terry Sullivan, State director of The Nature Conservancy. John Mosey, Scout Executive states "We are pleased to collaborate with DEM to preserve this important habitat and protect the many rare species living in this part of the state.

In the Energy Facility Siting Act, Section 42-98-2, *****READ SECTION 3

How can any power plant, being built in an F5 ~~residential~~ zone, with thousands of acres of spectacular, beautiful land, have minimal disturbance to our wildlife as stated in this press release? This is a huge contradiction. Now, I'm not an environmental expert, I'm just a school bus driver from the Ville, but I don't think it takes a team of experts to tell us what the adverse effects this power plant will have on its land and its wildlife resources.

Having said this, I cannot imagine that you will be able to come to any other conclusion, if you are following the Energy Facility Siting Acts legislation.

I've only just touched on one aspect of this Act. I know many people before me have spoken and given some pretty compelling factual testimony for not permitting this Power Plant to be built. There is only one conclusion that you can come to and that is voting no to this Power Plant.

Thank you, and I hope you are able to come to the Ville on a happier, less stressful occasion.

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