

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:33 PM

Subject: Concerned about Dominion Borger Station emissions

Dear Town Clerk,

I am writing to express my great concern about Dominion's request to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and expand its operations in our neighborhood. We ask the Town Board to follow Town and State law, take its time, and study these impacts and how they might be reduced through an official Environmental Impact Statement.

Borger's requested "Potential to Emit" CO₂e is greater than all the GHG emissions Dryden reported in 2018. The permit will be good until Borger stops operating--decades into the future.

Proposed Increase: as much as 25,064 Tons of CO₂e/each year = the impact of an additional 4912 cars driven for a year.

Proposed Total GHG emissions: as much as 108,858 Tons of CO₂e/each year--the same as 21,335 cars operating each year or 11,396 homes using energy each year.

This amount of emissions potentially threatens the health of the entire Ellis Hollow/Dryden community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:07 PM

Subject: Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Natural Gas Compressor Station

I am writing to ask you, the Town Board, to deny Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Natural Gas Compressor Station in Ellis Hollow's request for a permit that would allow it to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions (CO₂e) by as much as 32% (20,000 tons/year).

The proposed increase is huge and will affect the environment for as long as Borger operates—in other words, for decades into the future.

Although required by State Law, Borger so far has **not** made public how much global warming/climate-changing methane it is/will emit or what measures it will take to reduce them.

Before it gives Borger a permit, the Dryden Town Board has a **duty of due diligence** under the State "SEQR" Law to study the potential global warming/climate-changing impacts of Borger's projected Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The purpose of the study is to determine how potentially large and how long the emissions will affect the environment. Given the technical nature of a compressor plant's operations and the interaction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions with the environment, the study the Board must do is complicated and requires special expertise.

Therefore, the layperson members Town Board should have expert help to gather the necessary information and compare it to the requirements of the State's SEQR Law. If after doing this due diligence study, the Board decided that the Emissions could cause a significant, negative impact on the environment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared that lays out what steps Borger would have to take reduce its Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Once the reduction measures are agreed upon and put into the EIS, the Board should only then issue a permit to Borger.

Because Borger has asked for a permit to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions by as much as over 20,000 tons/year and 32%, because this increase will be allowed as long as Borger operates, I respectfully request that the Town Board do its due diligence under the SEQR Law with expert assistance to assure that its decision is based on a complete set of the relevant facts and the applicable science.

Sincerely,
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Ellis Hollow