

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:20 AM

Subject: Town Board meeting re; Borger Station

To all town board members,

My wife and I are recent Ithaca residents, 3 years ago we had a home built on Ellis Hollow Road. We are shocked to find out that we thought the town of Dryden was ecologically minded, and unfortunately that appears to be untrue.

I am writing to you with urgency as the Borger Station. The new owner has a request into the town for a special permit that would increase carbon and methane emissions by about 32%, **32%**! It is like putting 3900 more cars on our roads. Obviously terrible for greenhouse gasses and our world. Is this the same town we are so proud of for putting a moratorium on fracking?

Approving without doing due diligence by commissioning an expert study, from an independent source, is reckless and reprehensible.

Additionally, when and if a special permit is approved, there is no timeline when the emissions would end or stipulations that equipment would be upgraded once available technology exists. This opens the door to allowing this increase in emissions for the indefinite future. I think you each, owe it to the community to understand what you are approving.

In conclusion, I urge each board member to postpone an approving vote, until after the consequences, to our community and our planet are discovered. If an objective study cannot be commissioned, I urge you to **VOTE NO** on approving the permit to proceed with increased emissions.

Sincerely,
Anthony Cacioppo
1540 Ellis Hollow Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:49 PM

Subject: Comment concerning Borger compressor station

Dear Mr. Leifer,

I am writing to encourage you to take the time to seek an expert evaluation or study before rushing into granting the Special Use Permit that is being requested for the Borger compressor station. It sounds like the permit would allow the release into the atmosphere of large quantities of methane and carbon dioxide, potent green house gases that would significantly increase the total greenhouse gas emissions of Tompkins County, at a time when it is critical that all the towns in our county cooperate in reducing their emissions, to help meet the goals recently established by the county legislature.

New York State also has ambitious goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the next several years, and granting permission for the Borger station to increase it's outputs, without first seeking expert consultation, seems contrary to that effort as well.

I understand that the energy company who run the compressor station in Ellis Hollow (is it still Dominion?) will pay for the study/evaluation to be done, so it's hard to see what objection the town of Dryden could have to accepting that offer.

Thanks so much for your consideration of my comments,
Sincerely,
Brynn Schmitt
134 Hornbrook Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:07 PM

Subject: Dominion SUP

Dear Jason,

Because Borger has asked for a special use permit to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions potentially as much as 32%, and because this increase will be allowed as long as Borger operates, we are asking the Board not to issue a special use permit (SUP) to Dominion without having a complete, independent and expert environmental review of the Dominion application. This will reassure all of us that the Town Board has done its due diligence under the SEQR Law and that any decision on granting a special use permit is based on a complete set of the relevant facts and the applicable science.

Thank you for considering this request!

Brian Dewart
350 Ellis Hollow Creek Rd.

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:22 PM

Subject: Comment on Dominion Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station GHG Emissions and Community Impact

Town Board Members Jason, Dan, Kathy, Jim, and Loren;

I am writing to you regarding the alarming news about Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station and their request for a higher allotment of Greenhouse Gas Emissions with an expansion of their operations. Now, nor ever, is absolutely NOT the time to be abetting the production of more harmful emissions into our atmosphere. Dryden's population of about 14,400 will not be the only ones your decision will affect – surrounding towns and cities will suffer the health effects should you choose to allow Dominion Energy to move forward.

Though any further amount of Greenhouse Gas Emissions would be devastating, Borger's own data admits that their additional yearly emissions would be equivalent to 25,064 tons of carbon dioxide, bringing their total up to 108,858 tons. That is equivalent to the CO₂ emissions from burning 108,813,704 pounds of coal, and I am sure you would not like to breathe that in either. The numbers speak for themselves. There is no economic incentive worth the lives of you and your loved ones and your neighbors.

Regards,

Mara Braddy

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:39 PM

Subject: Dominion

My wife and I both urge the town board not to issue a permit to Dominion until a review by an independent environmental engineer is completed. We live almost adjacent to the gas plant and would be among the most affected.

Alan and Joanne Tausz
28 Hickory Road

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:03 PM

Subject: Borger compressor station

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to encourage the board to take the time to seek an expert evaluation or study before rushing into granting the Special Use Permit that is being requested for the Borger compressor station. It sounds like the permit would allow the release into the atmosphere of large quantities of methane and carbon dioxide, potent green house gases that would significantly increase the total greenhouse gas emissions of Tompkins County, at a time when it is critical that all the towns in our county cooperate in reducing their emissions, to help meet the goals recently established by the county legislature.

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Brynn Schmitt
134 Hornbrook Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:55 PM
Subject: Dominion

I have lived on 1189 Ellis Hollow Rd since the early 1980s together with my wife Mary. I am teaching at Cornell. Together with many others in our community I am very concerned about the plans of Dominion and urge the Town Board not to proceed until an environmental impact statement has been filed and made public and been a subject of a public debate.

Thank you. PK

Peter J. Katzenstein

Walter S. Carpenter, Jr. Professor of International Studies Cornell University

<http://www.pkatzenstein.org/>

Scholarship:

http://pubman.mpg.de/pubman/item/escidoc:1232995/component/escidoc:1836056/PS_41_2008_Gourevitch.pdf

Teaching:

<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=191934>

PROTEAN POWER: EXPLORING THE UNEXPECTED AND UNPREDICTABLE IN WORLD POLITICS. Cambridge University Press, 2018. www.cambridge.org/9781108441254

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:52 PM

Subject: Dominion Borger Station Emissions

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Joe Margulies. My wife and I have lived in Dryden a number of years, and are members of the faculty at Cornell Law School. We write today to express our very serious worries about Dominion's recent request to dramatically increase its greenhouse gas emissions. It is our understanding that the request will authorize the company to emit more CO₂ than all the greenhouse gas emissions reported by the City of Dryden in 2018. Indeed, unless I am mistaken, the proposal authorizes the release of an additional 25,000 tons of CO₂/year, which is roughly equivalent to the impact caused by nearly 5,000 cars on the roads for an entire year. When we consider that the total population in Dryden is only about 15,000, this represents an enormous increase in greenhouse gases, both in absolute and percentage terms. I further understand that this authorization would continue indefinitely, or at least as long as the company remains operational. By all means, I do not mean to misrepresent the state of play, and if I am mistaken, I invite someone from the company to set me right, with appropriate documentation.

In light of the potential impact, we strongly encourage the Town Board to proceed with great caution. The Board must study the environmental impact carefully, weighing available options and reaching a decision only after issuing an official Environmental Impact Statement. It also goes without saying that the Board must follow all local, state and federal laws in this matter, as a failure to do so could expose the town to needless and prohibitively expensive litigation, the cost of which may ultimately be borne by local taxpayers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph Margulies

Sandra Lynn Babcock

38 Hartwood Road

Ithaca NY 14850

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:05 PM

Subject: Borger Pump Station Proposal on Ellis Hollow Creek Rd

Dear Town Board,

The Borger plant has asked for a permit to increase its greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 20,000 tons/year; a 32% increase. The plant also requests an indefinite horizon for operation at these toxic levels. The true impact of this request is masked by Dominion Energy with claims they are only updating and replacing aging equipment. I find it suspicious that the submitted documents posted on the Town of Dryden website, address impacts and mitigation for drainage, with no mention at all of the huge increase in gasses that will be emitted as a result of this project. A similar request was filed for the Borger plant in 2017, and rejected by a vocal community outcry. It is maddening that in the midst of a global pandemic and related economic hardship, Dominion is attempting to slip the request past our community again.

I request that our lay person Town Board hire an expert consultant to gather the necessary information based on a complete set of the relevant facts and the applicable science and that the Town Board do its due diligence under the SEQR Law.

It is unfortunate the Board is legally prevented from denying this application. A lot of time and money would be saved it is was an option.

Merrie Wilent
1191 Ellis Hollow Rd.