

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:28 PM

Subject: Borger SUP

Dear Jason, Kathy, Loren, Dan, and Jim:

I live less than a mile from the Borger pumping and transmission station and am attentive to the natural gas increase there now under consideration. I know from taking the plant tour last year that Dominion wants good community relations, in-plant safety, and system efficiency. Communications have improved, blow-downs are announced in advance, and new in-plant equipment is likely to mean less methane leakage and related health problems for neighbors within a mile radius.

But my concern is for our town as a whole. According to reliable sources, the potential CO₂e emission rise embodied in the pending Borger permit is roughly equivalent to all other CO₂e emissions generated over the past two years. This claim should be substantiated by experts and, if true, made public and entered into your calculus in deciding whether or not to grant Borger's Special Use Permit. It's not just my back yard I'm worried about, it's everyone's backyard in Dryden. I believe the methane aspects of Borger's SUP request qualifies, potentially, as a large or moderate impact for the town which you govern; now is the time to do a full EAF or draft environmental impact statement so you can grant or deny the permit in good conscience.

Thanks very much,

Charles Geisler
517 Ellis Hollow Cr. Rd.
Dryden

From: Karen Kaufmann

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:34 PM

Subject: Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway Borger Station Application to Increase Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Please direct this message to members of the Town Board, Town of Dryden.

To the Board:

As a resident of the Ithaca area likely to be impacted by a large-scale increase in greenhouse gas emissions locally, I urge the Board to reject precipitous action on the Borger project, and instead to follow Town and State law, and take all due time for appropriate study and consideration of alternatives and mitigation by way of an Environmental Impact Statement.

By its own calculations, the Borger application proposes an emissions increase equivalent to thousands of additional cars or homes each year, increasing total yearly emissions by roughly one third over the present level, projecting out decades into the future. A change of this magnitude should meet with adequate environmental review.

Thank you for your consideration.

■ Karen Kaufmann, 110 Northway Rd., Ithaca 14850,

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:15 PM

Subject: Concerned about Dominion Borger Station emissions

Dear Town Clerk,

I am writing to express my 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.

Thanks,

Mitchell Orenstein and Martine Haas
23 Hunter Lane, Ithaca, NY 14850

Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station which operates in Dryden's Ellis Hollow is pressing the Dryden Town Board for a permit to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and expand its operations with that decision to be made as soon as Thursday, August 20. The impacts will not be confined to Dryden. Everyone's environment will be affected. Anyone concerned about GHG emissions should comment!

Please join in asking the Town Board to follow the Town and State law, to take its time, study these impacts and how they might be reduced through an official Environmental Impact Statement.

Contact: townclerk@dryden.ny.us

Background:

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.

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:44 PM

Subject: Dominion Borger Station

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you as a concerned Dryden resident. The request by Dominion to increase their CO2e emissions at their Borger station in Ellis Hollow must not be approved without a proper environmental impact report. Increased pollution poses a hazard to all Dryden residents and our neighbors, please do not approve their request and follow town and state laws around proper environmental impact statements.

Sincerely,

Zachary LeViere

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:39 PM

Subject: Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway Request re: Borger Station Emissions

As an Ellis Hollow and Dryden Town resident, I ask you to follow our local laws and practices, and initiate a full study of the impact of the requested increase in emissions at the Borger Station.

I expect that is already your plan, but I must say in the strongest term that this is essential.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,
Andrea Kabcenell
13 Eagleshead Road
Ithaca, NY

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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:35 PM

Subject: Dominion Borger Station "Potential to Emit" Request

I have discovered that the Borger Station has requested to expand their operation and increase emissions. I implore you to consider the long term impact this will have on our neighborhood and greater community. I understand that our growing community is in need of more energy to sustain its growth, but I believe there are better ways to achieve this than allowing increased emissions at the Borger station. At a minimum, I hope to see an Environmental Impact Statement in regards to their request before making a decision.

Please consider my request, and others in the community writing to you, as you make your decision. It affects us all and we need leaders we trust to help steer us in the right direction.

Kind regards,
Kat Vissio

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Dr. Katherine Vissio, DVM
Briar Patch Veterinary Hospital
706 Elmira Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:47 PM

Subject: need full environmental review of Borger permit request

Dear Dryden Town Board, As a resident of Tompkins County I urge you to require a full environmental impact statement to consider the impacts of the Borger permit request. It is the legal and moral right thing to do. thank you.

Louise Mudrak, 693 Coddington Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:26 PM

Subject: Borger Plant

there is no hurry. Do not approve the request for increased emissions before there can be a complete assessment with public input of the longterm consequences.

Judith Reppy

493 Ellis Hollow Creek Rd.

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:38 PM

Subject:

Dear Bambi,

Regarding the Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station request for permission to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and expand its operations. I ask the members of the Town Board to follow the Town and State law. It is very important to take time to study the impact on the community. I feel the Board should take its time, study these impacts and how they might be reduced through an official **Environmental Impact Statement**.

Based on this need, I feel a decision date of August 20 should not be considered.

Thank you Bambi and my thanks to the members of the Town Board.

Sincerely,

John Svensson

516 Ellis Hollow Creek Rd.

Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:03 PM

Subject: To the Town Board - Borger SUP application

To Dryden Town Board

Dear Jason, Dan, Kathy, Jim, and Loren.

I understand that the Town Board plans to hold the public hearing about the Borger Station Application for a Special Use Permit on August 20th and then vote on it that night.

I urge the Board to look more closely at the particulars. If the information I have is correct, I think Borger's expansion requires experts to analyze the specifics about the GHG emissions. From the numbers I have seen the increase in GHG emissions is not acceptable; Borger's potential to emit CO₂e if this permit is granted, appears to be about equal to the total of Dryden 2018 annual emissions. This seems like significant increase with significant environmental impact. The Town Board best require the applicant to complete a Full EAF or a draft Environmental Impact Statement.

But I think you all need some expert help to determine what would be the best to protect Dryden. We did not vote you into office expecting you to know about these particulars or their impact. But there are folks who can help you interpret the data.

Another question is why Borger will have a sudden increase in CO₂e. Will there be a big increase in the amount of gas going through their compressors? And at what risk to the community? At any rate, are there measures that can be taken by Borger to reduce the amount of CO₂e to a minimal level?

Given all this, I urge you to take your time evaluating the implications of what Borger proposes.

The Town Board needs to do the right thing to protect our local environment in responding to Borger because if you don't it could affect Dryden for decades to come.

Thanks for serving the Town of Dryden

Nancy Miller, 501 Midline Road, Freeville 13068 NY (Town of Dryden)

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:20 PM

Subject:

Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station, operating in Dryden's Ellis Hollow, is pressing the Town Board for a permit to increase its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and expand its operations. For the sake of Dryden and the whole surrounding community, please follow the Town and State law, take the time needed to study these impacts and how they might be reduced through an official Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you.

Dale Strok

1683 Taughannock Blvd., Trumansburg, NY 14886

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:34 PM

Subject: Borger station expansion

Hello,

I live on the hill right above the Borger plant in the house my Mom and Dad built in 1974. We already deal with the effects of the plant...please please please do your due diligence and hire experts to review their plans before allowing this unprecedented expansion! The damage will last for decades! I've always trusted Dryden to do the right thing...please help us out with this.

Thanks,

Miriam Drost Tenorio

129 Hickory Circle

Ithaca, NY 14850

Please make sure this does not go through!

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.

Thanks,
Elisabeth Schryver
547 Ellis Hollow Creek Rd
Ithaca NY, 14850

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:11 PM

Subject: Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway's Borger Station

Dear Town Board Members,

As a resident of Tompkins County I ask that you do an impact study of the implications of the request for a permit to increase greenhouse gas emissions and expand operations by Dominion/Bershire Hathaway's Borger Station. Please consider conducting an official environmental impact study so as to better understand how emissions might be reduce and minimize the negative effects on our community.

Thanks for your consideration,
Monica Touesnard

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:43 PM

Subject: Borger request

Please forward to all town board members.

Dear town board members,

I am writing in support of the statement from DRAC regarding the special use permit from Borger. The town board must exercise due diligence always but no more so than in this case.

My eloquence is lacking, especially in comparison to my fellow DRAC members so I will be blunt. We have damaged the environment to the point that succeeding generations will suffer grave consequences. Climate change is real and we all need to do anything in our power to mitigate the damage. I wonder if the town board is conscious of this. Is there some quid pro quo happening here? It certainly quacks like a duck or dan.

Sincerely,
William (Bill) Griffin

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:39 PM

Subject: Borger Station Decision

Members of the Town Board,

I am writing to urge you to postpone your decision on the proposed changes to the GHG emissions allowed by the Borger Station. There is no hurry and in any case, public health is of greater importance than a business target date.

It is very important in this case that you carefully follow the laws of the Town and New York State and undertake an Environmental Impact Statement to see the full effects of this proposal.

At a time when we are already seeing the effects of the Climate Crisis in our own region, we must be especially vigilant about GHG emissions.

Please do your due diligence to investigate this matter fully and generate a well-informed decision in keeping with your duty to your constituents and others outside the formal town limits. One thing we are learning from the Covid 19 crisis is that we are all in this together, whether or not we know it.

Thank you for your commitment to responsible governing.

Regi Teasley
Ithaca, NY

Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life. Rachel Carson.

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:11 PM

Subject: Regarding Borger stations request for special use permit

Dear Board members,

I have been a concerned resident of Dryden since the day I was pregnant and discovered what the tubes in the ground at Borger were all about. I applaud the work you have done in building a relationship with them and members of the community particularly Mother Out Front.

I am writing to you all to implore that you do your due diligence here and hire an expert to really investigate what a 32% percent increase will do to our community and the environment. There is no reason to rush into an approval without taking the time to truly comprehend the impact such an approval will have. From my past experience with work around Borger and with the board it seems that approval is a green light with no protections in place for the community, and leaves the board powerless to revisit, or make changes down the line. This is the very reason to take time, do not rush a decision. Digest the impact at play here.

In the event that you will give approval I have a second ask, have you as a board considered implementing any safety stipulations to an approval? My suggestion: I would like you to consider a stipulation for best most efficient equipment to capture and reduce emissions with a way to hold them accountable for not doing what is best for their profit margin but what is best for the health and well being of this community and world. Which brings me to a stipulation of time, do not give blanket approval for increased emissions. Consider putting an expiration date on the approval. If you approve for a short time and have experts monitor the impact, you can still have power to make change and deny the permit with evidence. There needs to be a way to stop the freight train. With more and more natural gas infrastructure not being approved there will be continued push to run existing infrastructure to the limits without a priority on the safety of the community or world.

Please keep the communities safety and well being at the center of your decision making. A community that set the bar in New York for a moratorium on fracking doesn't want to be responsible for allowing that same industry to position and feed on the work this community does. As the community brings down emissions do not give Borger the go ahead to increase their carbon footprint .

Thank you for hearing my concerns and I hope you act in the best interest of this community by hiring an expert to investigate and take the proper time to consider the impact of approving such a special permit.

Sincerely,
Gina Cacioppo
829 Ringwood Road

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:08 PM

Subject: Reject Borger Station GHG Limit Increase

Hello Jason Liefer, Dan Lamb, Kathy Servos, Jim Skaley, and Loren Sparling.

My name is Noa Shapiro-Tamir, and I am writing as an extremely concerned Tompkins County citizen. I live in Ulysses but I am employed in Dryden, and I ask that you read my message carefully.

I am aware that there is a proposal to rapidly push through a permit to increase the Borger station's greenhouse gas emission limit. This must not be allowed to take place! As a 19 year old about to start college, the world seems more hopeless day by day. Any increase in permitted capacity for burning fossil fuels only paves the way for further and worse climate catastrophe, which will impact my generation the most.

At the very least, a full environmental impact statement must be completed before an increase like this is allowed. At best, Dryden will shut its doors to Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway and move towards a sustainable future in actions, not just promises.

Using Borger's own data and the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Equivalency Calculator, the impacts of giving this permit could be:

- **Yearly Impact of proposed Increase:** Borger's estimated "Net Change" in Greenhouse Gas Emissions of 25,064 Tons of CO₂e/each year = the impact of an additional 4912 cars driven for a year or an additional 2624 homes' energy use for a year.
- **Impact of Borger's proposed Total GHG emissions:** The "Proposed Total to Emit" is 108,858 Tons of CO₂e/each year. The impact would be the same as 21,335 cars operating each year or 11,396 homes using energy each year.
- **Impact compared to the rest of Dryden:** Borger's requested "Potential to Emit" CO₂e is greater than all the GHG emissions of the rest of Dryden reported in 2018.
- **How Long could these Impacts Last:** The permit will be good until Borger stops operating--decades into the future.

Lastly, I will remind you of the fact that allowing fossil fuel use capacity to increase would be in direct contradiction to state and county laws which have set us on the path to a community free of fossil fuel dependence, and a future free of the catastrophic impacts of the use of fossil fuels.

Please pass on my comments to all involved parties.

Thank you,
Noa Shapiro-Tamir

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:45 PM

Subject: Editorial in the Ithaca Times 7/29/2020

To the Town Board members,

The Iroquois pipeline, cited below, connects to the pipelines going through Dryden's own Borger Station. I agree with Kathy Malcomson and Yogi Beri. "It ain't over until it's over." Dryden must be protected from the effects of more gas going through Borger and the increased emissions from their proposed new compressors.

Nancy Miller, 501 Midline Road, Town of Dryden

https://www.ithaca.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/your-letters/article_8f2f656c-d1b6-11ea-bb0f-77430a8bb8f9.html

Fighting Gas Pipelines is Deja Vu All Over Again

In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "It's like deja vu all over again." We saw what happened when New Yorkers successfully defeated the Constitution Pipeline - the gas companies found a way to move more gas through the aging Dominion pipeline that cuts across Tompkins County. Sadly, we were unsuccessful at stopping the Dominion New Market project and now we're stuck with the expanded Borger gas compressor station in Ellis Hollow.

Recently, Governor Cuomo's Department of Environmental Conservation rightly rejected the permit application for the Williams Pipeline under the New York harbor, but now the corporate utility National Grid has a "Plan B" to move more gas through the so-called Iroquois pipeline. We've seen this move before, sneaking the gas in through an existing pipeline doesn't make it any safer.

The solution to our thermal energy needs - heating, hot water and cooking - which now account for almost one-third of New York's greenhouse gases, is to electrify these services statewide with efficient technologies like induction stoves and heat pumps that will plug into New York's increasingly renewable electric grid.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act clearly calls for a carbon-free economy by 2050. Gov. Cuomo and the Public Service Commission must reject any new fracked gas "solutions." Methane is a huge problem for the environment, with a far higher global warming potential than carbon dioxide.

Gov. Cuomo must put our children's future ahead of the demands of the gas industry. He must clearly reject National Grid's new Plan B proposals for gas expansion. As Yogi said, "It ain't over till it's over." The fight against gas pipelines and fossil fuels ain't over.

Kathy Malcomson

Trumansburg, NY

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:37 PM

Subject: for town board members Re: Borger permit

Dear Board members,

Thanks for the work you are doing in this time of chaos. I wish you all continued good health.

The work of moving our household (we're still in Dryden!!) has kept me from connecting closely with the details of the Borger station request for a new permit, however the information that I have absorbed makes me uncomfortable with the idea that this permit may get a green light without an official EIS. I urge you to take the time to think very carefully about the increases in GHG emissions, to hire an outside consultant if needed, and to require that Borger complete the EIS.

Marie McRae
now on Ringwood Court West

Subject: No SUP for Borger without complete, independent and expert environmental review of the Dominion application

Dear Members of the Town of Dryden Board.

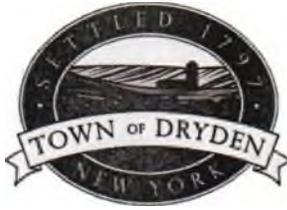
We are writing you to urge that you **not** issue Dominion another Special Use Permit for the Borger Plant without having a complete, independent and expert environmental review of the Dominion application. We have read about this issue and are concerned about the health effects for ourselves and our neighbors in the years to come.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely, Ellen and Oskar Schmidt 8 Geniung Circle Ithaca NY 14850

Ellen Schmidt

Oskar Schmidt



Safety and Preparedness Advisory Committee

From: Anthony Paul Bretscher

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:32 PM

Subject: Dominion's SUP Application

Dear Members of the Dryden Town Board,

Please find attached a letter of concern about the application by Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway for an SUP that will be discussed at the Board Meeting on August 20th.

Respectfully,

Town of Dryden Safety and Preparedness Committee

August 11, 2020

Dear Jason, Dan, Kathy, Jim and Loren,

We write on behalf of the Town of Dryden Safety and Preparedness Advisory Committee to address the application by Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the Borger Replacement Project to be discussed at the Town Board meeting on August 20, 2020. We are delighted that the upgrade will significantly reduce emissions of criteria pollutants (that affect local residents), but are concerned about the large increase in Greenhouse Gas Emissions (CO₂e). CO₂e includes both methane and CO₂, which are main components contributing to global warming. We take issue with a statement in their application, and cover letter, namely:

Notwithstanding the above discussion, Part 1 of Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) is being provided to meet the requirements of the Town's requirements for a Special Use Permit and demonstrates that the proposed Borger Replacement Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact.

The application indicates that CO₂e could potentially rise by 32% increasing the CO₂e by 20,000 tons/year for the indefinite future. Although it is claimed that the Borger Station will not run all year, so actual emissions will be less, accepting the application as it stands would allow for increased levels in future years without oversight. This is a realistic scenario as plans by Dominion for another pipeline (the Atlantic

Coast Pipeline) have recently been abandoned and gas-powered electric generators in the NY metro area come online. This could put more demand on the current pipeline as it now feeds into the Iroquois pipeline supplying the northeast.

In addition, although required by State Law, Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway has so far not made public how much global warming/climate changing methane it will emit or what measures it will take to reduce them. Moreover, increasing CO₂e emissions goes counter to the spirit of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan (*Tompkins County should be a place where the energy system meets community needs without contributing additional greenhouse gases to the atmosphere*).

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, before the Board gives Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway a permit for the Borger Station, we believe 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 the Borger Station's projected Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The Town Board should have expert help to gather the necessary information and compare it to the requirements of the State's SEQR Law. If the Board then decides that the emissions could cause a significant negative impact on the environment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared that defines the steps Dominion/Berkshire Hathaway would have to take to reduce its Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Borger Station.

Respectfully,

Town of Dryden Safety and Preparedness Committee

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:15 AM

Subject: Buzz Lavine's Comments on Borger Special Use Permit 8/13/20

Hi Bambi,

Please pass this on to all Town Board members before tonight's meeting.

Thanks,

Buzz Lavine

Comments on Borger Special Use Permit

8/13/20

from Buzz Lavine buzz@baka.com

As Town Board members, opportunities to have a voice in big changes in the town occur sporadically. In the case of the Borger application for a SUP, we should have a full understanding of just how large the changes could be. That's why we should require a full EIS for their proposal. The fact that they omitted to answer the question about methane emissions, in my mind, is a tacit admission that they're afraid of making that info public. Yet given that our concern for our kids and grandkids future is why many of us are actively keeping up with such proposals, the methane emissions factor is of the utmost importance,

Now is the time, and probably the only time, the Town has a say in this aspect of this probably major impact of the Borger proposal. We should have full info to help us make use of our one chance. The proposal to have periodic reviews of the plant's operation in coming years will be meaningless if we, through the issuance of a special use permit now, have given our tacit approval of large methane emissions from this project. Once approved now, Borger will always be able to ignore any future concerns we may voice. Then it will be too late to protect our kids and grandkids.

Require a full EIS, hire an expert to ferret out the needed info, and act now. As history has shown us with the Borger plant, we won't have another chance. Please act now for our kids and grandkids.

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:00 AM

Subject: Borger Station increase in Greenhouse Gas Emissions..

My wife and I live on Ellis Hollow road and just heard that Dominion's Borger Station is applying to increase production and emissions... We sincerely hope the town board is being careful, thoughtful and keeping the safety and health of the citizens who live here as a very top priority in decisions being made for our community...

PLEASE do not allow more production of dirty energy to bathe the air we breathe and surround us with this toxicity. There are hopes for children and grandchildren to live in this area and be able to safely breathe and drink the water...

Thank you,
Sean Dembrosky

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:10 AM

Subject: permit for Dominion to increase greenhouse gas emissions

Dear Dryden Town Board,

I have lived in Ellis Hollow since 1992. I am very very concerned about Dominion's desire to obtain a permit for expansion and increasing the greenhouse gas emissions.

At a time like this when we know about climate change and the damage this sort of thing is doing to the environment I am deeply saddened and frightened that this could be

a possibility. It would threaten the lives of all living things in the vicinity and beyond. This is not an open system we live in...what happens to one happens to us all.

Please take the time to do an in depth study and an environmental impact statement regarding the true ramifications of allowing something like this to happen...for all of us.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Jill Kellner

1321 Ellis Hollow Road

Ithaca, NY 14850

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:00 AM

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Thank you,
Sean Dembrosky