

January 27, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OPPOSING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE DANSKAMMER POWER PLANT.

1. WHERE AS, the proposed expansion of the Danskammer facility would increase the operation of the plant from its present 5% of the year to 70-100% of the year. In addition the need for this additional fossil fueled power is questionable in view of New York State energy goals for the 21st century.
2. WHERE AS, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 limits greenhouse gas emissions to 40% of 1990 levels by 2030, 85% reduction of GHG by 2050 and sets energy source goals of 70% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% zero emissions electricity energy by 2040. The expansion of Danskammer, a fossil fuel generator of greenhouse gases, is inconsistent with NYS environmental goals.
3. Where as, the fuel for the proposed Danskammer plant would come from natural gas potentially obtained by fracking, a process that is currently banned in NY State due to its serious environmental impact on ground water, air quality, etc. Dependence on fracked gas perpetuates this industry and its effect on our neighbors and the planet.
4. WHEREAS, gas- powered plants emit pollutants that harm local air quality and public health; the Hudson Valley has ongoing air quality issues, as evidenced, e. g., by Dutchess County's " D" ozone rating by the American Lung Association; and
5. WHEREAS, the predominate westerly winds transport emissions from west to east the
Proposed Danskammer plant has the potential to further harm the local air quality and public health of Dutchess County residents

Therefore, be it resolved the Dutchess County Environmental Council on this date, January 27, 2021 opposes the application for the proposed expansion of the Danskammer power plant by Danskammer Power LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council urges the Dutchess County Legislature to consider the potential environmental impacts that the proposed Danskammer Energy Plant could have on Dutchess County and take appropriate action to address this concern.