

04/12/2021

Secretary Chiavetta:

I write in support of Marple Township PA Zoning Board's decision to deny the special exception in regards to the location of the proposed PECO Gas Expansion Plant/Reliability Station at the corner of Sproul and Cedar Grove Roads in Broomall, PA.

I bought my house in Broomall about 5 years ago and I frequently travel to or through the neighborhood where PECO proposes to build this facility. Several times per week, I patronize business in the neighboring shopping centers. My child attends in-person classes multiple times per school year at a large elementary school less than 45 yards from the proposed facility. PECO's attempt to gain this special exception directly affects me, as well as thousands of others who live, work, and shop in Broomall.

The location chosen is inappropriate and unsafe. The center of a high-density residential neighborhood is not an appropriate location for this dangerous facility that PECO euphemistically refers to as a "reliability station", and PECO stated during more than one public meeting held in 2020 and/or 2021 that other locations in Marple Township PA were not considered. Other less densely populated and available locations in the township include part of the Don Guanella tract, Saints Peter & Paul cemetery, and the Lawrence Park Industrial Park. PECO states today that their facility needs to be within 50 yards of the natural gas pipeline. Had they not assumed that the special exception would be granted, they could have spec'ed other routes for the pipeline and thereby different locations for the "reliability station". It's not the taxpayers' fault that PECO put all of their eggs in one basket and routed their pipeline where they did because of their naive assumption that this special exception would be granted and they would be able to site their facility @ Sproul & Cedar Grove Roads.

Safety factors include

- PECO proposes to build this "first-of-its-kind" reliability station at a dangerous intersection that happens to be less than 45 yards away from a large grade school.
- This large grade school houses centralized special education facilities for Marple Newtown IDD students in grades K-12, many of whom are unable to self-evacuate in the event of a catastrophic event at the proposed "first-of-its-kind" reliability station.
- PECO purports to be able to shut off the supply of natural gas to this facility remotely but seems unwilling (perhaps they are unable) to provide examples of this being done elsewhere in their service area or indeed in North America
- Township and county first responders cannot enter the facility without being let in by PECO safety personnel. PECO's lawyer stated on several public Zoom calls that safety personnel are 60 minutes away from the site. Yet hundreds of Marple Township residents are within 0 minutes away from the site!

In summary, the location chosen is inappropriate and unsafe from a public safety perspective and I oppose the building of PECO's proposed "Gas Expansion Plant/Reliability Station" at the corner of Sproul and Cedar Grove Roads in Broomall, PA.

Thank you,

/s/

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VERIFICATION

I swear that the facts I am presenting in this Protest are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements I am making in this Protest are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. § Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

April 12 2021

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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PECO Energy Company for a Finding :  
Of Necessity Pursuant to 53 P.S §10619 that  
the Situation of Two Buildings Associated with : Docket No. P-2021-3024328  
a Gas Reliability Station in Marple Township,  
Delaware County Is Reasonably Necessary for :  
the Convenience and Welfare of the Public :

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Protest upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 PA Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant) in the manner listed below upon the parties listed below:

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