

Public Comments Docket No: M-2026-3059601

To the Attention of the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing regarding the Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment (PATER) Study which investigates redevelopment of 21 deactivated energy sites across Pennsylvania. My comments are specific to the Cromby Generating Station (Cromby) in Phoenixville, East Pikeland Township, Chester County for consideration by the Commission as the PATER Study is finalized.

I agree that brownfields should be used and the land should be repurposed for the benefit of the community. That said, Phoenixville, and East Pikeland Township, where Cromby is located, need the right fit. The Southeast Pennsylvania region is already burdened with pollution, and the area has a status of **nonattainment for ozone and particulate matter in addition to a radon zone 1**. Any redevelopment at Cromby should be as clean as possible with no emissions to further degrade air quality, increase pollution, and create public health concerns.

Cromby was built in the 1950's and decommissioned in 2011. Since that time, many large residential communities have been built around the site, specifically adjacent to Cromby. This is a growing residential community with roads, nature trails, and infrastructure that already require serious attention to keep up. Should a major utility be anticipated for the site, **review and assessment of the infrastructure is necessary as the current capacity in the surrounding area is already strained to serve the existing needs of a densely populated residential community**. The immediate one-mile radius surrounding Cromby while a dense residential footprint, also includes schools, recreation, and medical facilities. The already dense residential continues to grow with more new home construction underway. The traffic volume associated with these dynamics adds to the already fragile environment mentioned above.

Having reviewed prior reports regarding repurposing opportunities for Cromby Generating Station, potential uses that may suit this site other than power generation and may also protect the fragile environment include life sciences, industrial park, executive office park, or transportation center which connects to the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority already planned for Phoenixville.

I urge the commission to fully evaluate the **residential density, strained infrastructure, and environmental constraints** associated with repurposing the Cromby Generating Station.

Sincerely, Patrice Brusko