

October 8, 2026

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Public Comment, Docket No. M-2026-3059601, PATER Study Preliminary Phase 1 Report

Dear Secretary Homsher:

I live in the Phoenixville Heights community in Phoenixville Borough, Chester County, about half a mile from the former Cromby Generating Station in East Pikeland Township, one of the 21 candidate sites in the preliminary report. I work in healthcare and commute weekly on the local roads around the site.

I ask that Cromby not be advanced to the Part B shortlist, or if it is, that the final report reflect four constraints the initial screening did not capture:

1. **Air quality and sensitive receptors.** Southeast Pennsylvania is in serious nonattainment for ozone. New combustion generation at Cromby would add nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds to an already burdened region and would require emission reduction credits that may not be available. Within about half a mile of the site are Renaissance Academy Charter School, Regency at Kimberton Glen (a 55+ community), and Reservoir Park. Children and older adults are among those most affected by ozone. Any reuse of the site should be low or zero emission.
2. **Residential growth.** According to East Pikeland Township, nearly 1,000 homes have been built within three miles of the site since the plant closed in 2011.
3. **Recreation and open space.** The Schuylkill River Trail runs along the property, and Hidden River Park and Preserve borders it.
4. **Traffic.** Fillmore Street, Township Line Road and Cromby Road already back up at school arrival and dismissal, and they cannot absorb construction or operational traffic from a large generation or large-load facility without significant upgrades.

I also ask that the report state that any redevelopment remains subject to East Pikeland Township's zoning, including the conditional use process under Ordinance 212, and its land development approvals, and that the Commission engage East Pikeland Township and Phoenixville Borough directly before any site advances.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,

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