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Matthew L. Homsher, Esq.,
Secretary of the Commission
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Dear Mr. Homsher,

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania appreciates the opportunity to contribute comments to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (PUC) Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment (PATER) Study. Specifically, we are interested in commenting on the Study's mention of the potential Barbadoes Island Power Plant in Montgomery County (Docket Number M-2026-3059601). Montgomery County residents, especially residents in and near Norristown, could be significantly impacted if the Barbadoes Island Power Plant is recommissioned and utilizes fossil fuels for energy generation. While this study is an important first step, we respectfully request that a more detailed study be conducted before making a final decision about the Barbadoes Island Power Plant. Specifically, we would like to see the following issues addressed in any follow up studies:

- The kind and levels of pollutants that will be emitted from this Plant and the ways this pollution will be addressed to mitigate potential environmental and human health impacts.
- The environmental justice implications of siting this Plant in/near Norristown.
- The implications of energy generation in a floodway. This could require a change in the elevation of the ground level, which may create downstream flooding impacts.

Montgomery County appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed Power Plant. We are happy to provide additional commentary and insights as requested. We wish the PUC a smooth and productive comment review process.

Sincerely,

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

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