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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Re: Public Comment — Docket No. M-2026-3059601

To whom it may concern,

I live close to the decommissioned Cromby Plant site in East Pikeland Township in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. And I am lucky to have called Phoenixville my home for over 10 years. As a lifelong PA resident, I understand the need for reliable energy and the importance of planning for the future. However, I am opposed to putting a power plant in the middle of our neighborhood, where I want my two young children to grow up without the fear of being exposed to environmental toxins.

My biggest concern is the health and safety of my family, especially when it comes to the environment and our drinking water. We rely on a private well for our water, and the thought of potential contamination from a new power plant is frightening. I do not want to have to worry about whether the water my children drink every day is safe, or whether our well could be affected or even run dry because of the demands of a new facility. These are basic needs that should not be put at risk.

I also believe there needs to be a plan in place to protect residents who rely on private wells. We should not have to worry that a new development could affect the quality or availability of the water our families depend on every day. I would like to see the state and the appropriate agencies address the possibility of providing public water to nearby residents, along with clear protections and accountability if the project affects private wells. Safe drinking water is a basic necessity, and families should not be left to figure out what to do or pay for solutions if their water supply is impacted by a development they did not choose.

I am also concerned about the park and open space next to the property that is being developed for the community to enjoy, Hidden River Park and Preserve. These outdoor spaces are important for our children and families, and I want my children to be able to play outside, enjoy nature, and spend time in our neighborhood without worrying about what might be in the air, soil, or water around them. The possibility of additional pollution so close to our homes and recreational areas is deeply concerning.

Noise pollution is another concern. Our homes should be places where our children can sleep, play outside, and enjoy being kids without constant industrial noise in the background. I want to know what noise levels a new facility could create, limits that will be set,

and what steps would be taken to protect the families living right next door. The park and open space nearby should be places where families can enjoy the outdoors, not areas affected by noise and pollution from an industrial facility.

I understand that the former Cromby site may be considered for redevelopment, but I believe the health and lives of the people who live here should come first. Before any plans move forward, there needs to be a thorough evaluation of the potential environmental impacts, including air quality, soil contamination, noise, and the safety and availability of groundwater for nearby homes that depend on private wells. Residents deserve clear answers and reassurance that our families and natural resources will not be put at risk.

I chose to make my home in this community because it is a beautiful place to live and raise a family. I did not choose to live next to an active power plant, I chose to live in a small, quiet township with an incoming open space park near a bustling downtown. I want my children to grow up enjoying the clean environment, safe drinking water, and open spaces that make this area and PA special. I respectfully ask the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to not develop the Cromby site; consider the people who live next to this site in our thriving community, ensure that our concerns about water safety and noise are taken seriously, and put the health, safety, and future of our community first when evaluating any proposed redevelopment.

Phoenixville was forged in industry — that is our history and we are proud of it. But it rose from the ashes of that industrial past. Long time residents and new residents alike have worked hard to turn this community where families can live, grow, and enjoy the beauty of the area. We should be moving forward, not returning to a time when residents had to worry about the impact of industrial pollution on their health and environment.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Respectfully,

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Phoenixville, PA Resident