

Tuesday, Aug. 26 PSEG-Long Island Public Hearing

5:00 p.m. at the East Hampton Village Emergency Services Building

(1 Cedar St. East Hampton, New York 11937)

Renewable Energy Advocate Talking Points

1

Object to PSEG Long Island's plans to install fossil fuel burning power plants in East Hampton

Facts:

In PSEG-Long Island's long-term plan, called Utility 2.0, page 3-31 shows PSEG's desire to install four new oil-burning power plants in the East Hampton Township.

- The first two power plants would come online in 2019 for a total of 25 MW of new electricity capacity
- The next two power plants would come online in 2026 for an additional 50 MW of electricity capacity

Comments:

These power plants are a direct conflict of interest with the goals of the East Hampton community. We do not want any more fossil fuel burning power plants. East Hampton is on the path to becoming 100% renewable energy powered, and PSEG's fossil fuel plans would ruin our community's goal.

With climate change occurring right in front of our eyes, it is insane to even think about installing new fossil fuel power plants. We can and must meet the South Fork's rising electricity demands with renewable energy and other clean energy technologies.

2

Call attention to the fact that PSEG-Long Island's long-term plan ignores the climate crisis and the urgent need to drastically reduce human-caused carbon emissions

Facts:

- The Utility 2.0 document, a 94-page report that supposedly outlines a "utility of the future," only mentions the term *climate change* once, in the context of customer expectations.
- The document makes absolutely no mention of Governor Cuomo's goal of reducing statewide carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 or the interim goal of a 50% reduction by 2030.

Comments:

- What kind of utility of the future fails to address climate change, the defining energy issue of the 21st century? As the company at the helm of Long Island's electric sector – our largest contributor of greenhouse gases – PSEG must play a leading role in greenhouse gas reduction



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for Long Island and offer a roadmap to achieving the Governor's climate change mitigation goals.

3

Call attention to the fact the PSEG-Long Island's long-term plan makes no mention of proposed offshore wind farms and solar farms, nor do they promise to encourage electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid vehicle usage

Facts

- PSEG-Long Island will soon take responsibility for power procurement, which means they will be deciding which sources to buy electricity from. But there is no mention of plans to buy clean, carbon-free electricity from proposed offshore wind farms and solar farms in their long-term plan.
- A single paragraph in the 94 page report, on page 2-13, mentions electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. It reads, "There are about 1,700 electric and electric hybrid vehicles in the Authority's electric service territory."

Comments:

Large-scale solar and wind farms are key to our community's 100% renewable energy goal, and such projects will make it easier for our neighboring communities to achieve the same goal. Furthermore, they keep money in our local economy and have minimal environmental impact. Remember, when PSEG-Long Island procures electricity, we—the customers—are the ones who foot the bill. We want to buy clean renewable energy, not dirty fossil fuels.

Electric and electric hybrids make our air cleaner, reduce carbon emissions and save drivers thousands of dollars a year on gas. These vehicles are crucial to mitigating climate change and leaving a livable world for our children and grandchildren. We feel it is the electric utility's responsibility today to encourage people to drive them.

