

# **CURE**

## **Communities United for Responsible Energy**

**The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment should impose a Moratorium on the Issuance of Article X Certificates for Proposed Power Plant Applications until A Needs Assessment and Comprehensive Planning Process Based have been Completed.**

Key Elements of this planning process must include:

- ◆ Community-Based Planning Process that includes access for underrepresented constituencies such as the low income and communities of color to reduce local impacts and to prevent generalized statements of energy needs to be used to indiscriminately site facilities in that are sized, not to meet local needs, but to supply high-end users in Manhattan and the NorthEast Grid. Equity & Environmental Justice analysis must be incorporated in the Planning and Siting process.
- ◆ Power plants must only be sited with the agreement and full input of the directly impacted communities. Protection of open space and waterfront access in underserved communities must be considered as well as existing facilities and local air quality. The local communities must have full involvement in the choice of technology used to ensure the use of the cleanest technologies and minimization of noise, water, air, and other impacts.
- ◆ Cumulative review of all Article X applications including need, community character, and alternative site analysis.
- ◆ Establish rate cap protections, focusing on lower-income residents, including reopening PSC deregulation settlement with Con Edison to include rate protection in NYC that is equivalent to rate protection provided to the rest of New York State in settlements with other NYS utilities
- ◆ Demand Reduction and Conservation that includes Targeting of Energy Reduction on Larger Consumers and Growth Segments of Economy including users such as office buildings, hospitals, hotels, factories, and stores to reduce energy consumption.
- ◆ Commitment to implement Conservation/Efficiency Programs, with an emphasis on increasing efficiency programs for low-income residents.
- ◆ Mandated transition to increased use of "clean alternatives", Targeted Renewable Generation and other increased financial and policy support for clean generating technologies. Renewable energy goals should be set and should be limited to technologies that do not pollute. No Incineration as Clean Energy.

NO new plants should be sited until All Existing Plants are Fully Repowered Resulting in reduced emissions using natural gas or clean technologies without "dirty" back-up such as diesel

- ◆ Expansion/Modification of existing plants must include:
  - Actual and Full Repowering of Existing Plants to result in lowest achievable emissions reduction
  - Immediate or scheduled phased retirement of existing equipment
  - Immediate or phased transition to natural gas-only
- ◆ Establish Environmentally Restrictive Conditions for New Facilities including:
  - natural gas only designs with firm gas supply contracts
  - no backup diesel fuel
  - Lowest Achievable Emissions Reduction

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