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**BEACON MAYOR KYRIACOU LAUDS STATE DECISION
TO DENY DANSKAMMER PERMIT**

BEACON, NY— City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou thanked the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYS DEC”) on their decision to deny a Title V air permit modification to the Danskammer Energy, LLC (“Danskammer”) required to construct and operate a new fossil fuel power plant in the Town of Newburgh.

Citing the lack of need for the new plant and its inconsistency with greenhouse emission reduction goals contained in the State’s Climate Act, Kyriacou previously testified against the Danskammer permit during public hearings held on the project in March 2021 and again in August 2021. Kyriacou also authored and sponsored a [resolution](#) passed in August 2019 by the Beacon City Council opposing the permit and project.

Commenting on the NYS DEC’s [announcement](#) today, Kyriacou stated, “I applaud the DEC and Commissioner Basil Seggos for this decisive action to protect our communities from the existential threat of climate change. DEC has wisely recognized that Danskammer’s proposed new fossil fuel power plant was unnecessary and inconsistent with the climate goals of New York State, and I appreciate DEC’s leadership and vision in making this critical determination.”

The City of Beacon continues to work towards meeting or exceeding the State’s Climate Act goals for greenhouse gas reductions. In April 2021, the Beacon City Council unanimously passed a [resolution](#) requiring that 100 percent of the local government’s electricity come from renewably generated sources, and the City has been implementing its “green fleet” policy to transition to hybrid and fully-electric vehicles and install additional EV charging capacity at key locations in Beacon. The City also has a part-time Climate Smart Coordinator helping to advance sustainability efforts in Beacon.

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