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**MAYOR KYRIACOU TESTIFIES IN OPPOSITION TO
NEW GAS POWER PLANT ON HUDSON RIVER**

Beacon, NY: City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou testified Wednesday in opposition to the repowering of a gas-fired power plant in the Town of Newburgh. The existing plant, operated by Danskammer Energy LL, currently runs less than five percent of the year, while the proposed new plant would operate year-round.

The New York State Department of Public Service today held two virtual Public Statement Hearings to receive comments on Danskammer Energy, LLC's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, which is required for approval to repower its plant. Mayor Kyriacou, along with a host of other community and elected officials, spoke out against the power plant during the Public Hearings.

The City of Beacon City Council unanimously passed a resolution opposing construction of the new power plant on the Hudson River in August 2019. In its resolution, the Council urged Governor Cuomo and New York State to focus additional economic development resources into the Hudson Valley to provide prevailing wage jobs for, among other economic development projects, the construction and operation of clean power generation and brownfield clean-up.

Mayor Kyriacou said, "The siting board must find 'need' and the 2018 Reliability Needs Assessment of the New York Independent System Operator found no statewide gap in power generation or transmission capacity in the next decade, even with the closing of Indian Point. This alone should stop this plant, let alone all the health, air quality and environmental reasons, and the state's commitment to green power generation. After more than five decades of progress on turning the Hudson River away from industrial uses and toward residential, tourist, commercial and recreational uses, this plant would go in the absolutely opposite direction."

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