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Maryann Ellsworth
Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey

TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF : ** GRN ** CRC NO: 04-0115
Dyer, NRR

DESC:

2.206 - Oyster Creek

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ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:
NRR Dyer

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

February 17, 2004

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT—WITH A CALL FOR CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND A JUST TRANSITION FOR DISPLACED OYSTER CREEK WORKERS.

WHEREAS, the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant produces less than 1% of the energy on the PJM electric grid and can be replaced by increased energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy, such as solar and wind systems, to relieve the overstretched grid; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of public confidence in the evacuation plan, and the consensus of residents at the July 22, 2003 Evacuation Hearing is that an independent agency should be commissioned to conduct a study and/or that the Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant should be shut down NOW; and

WHEREAS, in case of a major nuclear incident, it would take one to four hours for radioactive plumes to spread within a 10-mile ring of Oyster Creek, depending upon the weather. According to New Jersey State Police Officials, evacuation would take 7 hours in winter and 9 hours and 28 minutes during tourist season to evacuate 244,000 people. In all likelihood, people will be overcome, either stuck in traffic jams or in their homes, business or schools; and

WHEREAS, radioactive releases could cause cancer in people as far as 500 miles away and make homes uninhabitable according to a 1990 Sandia National Laboratories Report. Entire regions could be economically devastated; and

WHEREAS, the elevated fuel pool, containing highly radioactive waste, does not offer adequate protection. The top of the reactor building is designed to keep off snow, sleet and rain, and can be penetrated by a small airplane; and

WHEREAS, the on-site modules filled with nuclear waste and the fuel pool pose an attractive target for terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the deficiencies of Oyster Creek, the oldest operating nuclear power plant in the country, are even more vulnerable because of its age. Over 30 percent of nuclear power plant equipment failures in recent years can be attributed to age-related degradation; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said the Mark I Nuclear Reactor Containment System is of faulty design and there would be a 90 percent failure rate in case of an accident, therefore making it necessary to vent the pressure buildup to avoid rupturing the containment system. This, however, defeats the containment altogether and would expose the public to high doses of radiation, and

WHEREAS, costly nuclear power poses safety and environmental risks, and is heavily dependent on taxpayer and ratepayer subsidies, generates cancer-causing Strontium 90, and kills marine life; and

WHEREAS, deadly, highly radioactive nuclear waste, which no community wants in their backyard, continues to accumulate daily and will take many lifetimes to decay; and

WHEREAS, the NRC has not taken enforcement action against an 11-year old non-compliance identified in a January 24, 2003 Triennial Fire Protection Inspection Report (#50-219/02-01) involving the ability of the reactor to safely shut down in the event of a fire, exposing the public to undue risk; and

WHEREAS, the NRC has never refused nuclear plants a 20-year regimenting extension and we cannot depend upon the NRC to shut down a nuclear plant because, in the past, local opposition and economic issues are the only factors that have led to the decommissioning of these plants; and

WHEREAS, a trust fund of \$350 million has been set aside to cover the costs of decommissioning Oyster Creek.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, do hereby call for the immediate decommissioning of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant, with a just transition to insure that all affected workers are retrained and rehired, and do hereby also call for the immediate use of clean, renewable, energy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor James McGreevey, to all NJ Congressmen and Legislators, The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Jersey Shore Nuclear Watch.

CERTIFICATION

I, **MARYANN ELLSWORTH**, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach at a meeting held on the 17th day of February 2004.



MARYANN ELLSWORTH, Municipal Clerk

MOTION BY: Councilman DiCorcia
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Walsh
VOTING AYE: Council Members Liotta, Walsh, Lurie, Loder, Loughran, DiCorcia
VOTING NAY: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: None