

RESOLUTION 2008-052

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
PETITIONING FEDERAL & STATE REGULATORY
AGENCIES TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF
COOLING TOWERS AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE 20-
YEAR LICENCE RENEWAL FOR THE OYSTER CREEK
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.**

WHEREAS, the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant is located in Lacey Township across the Barnegat Bay from the Borough of Barnegat Light; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Bay has been designated as a part of the National Estuary Program to protect this valuable marine habitat; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry is a vital industry in Barnegat Light, which supplies millions of pounds of fish as an important food source for the United States and foreign food markets; and

WHEREAS, recreational fishing is also an important part of area tourism and the enjoyment of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant is responsible for the death of tens of millions of fish, shrimp, crabs, herring, flounder, and other marine organisms vital to the food chain for marine life, area wildlife and human life; and

WHEREAS, the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant uses massive quantities of water from natural waterways to cool its facilities, which in turn disposes of highly heated water back into the environment at temperatures devastating to marine wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Clean Water Act requires the use of the best technology available to reduce the impact of nuclear plants on marine life; and state and federal agencies have strongly recommenced the use of cooling towers to minimize the damage to marine life caused by the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant is presently in the process of renewing its 20-year license to operate its nuclear facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light to petition both federal and state agencies with jurisdiction over the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant to require the addition of cooling towers as part of the 20-year license renewal process for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light do hereby petition both federal and state agencies with jurisdiction over the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant, including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, to require the addition of cooling towers as part of the 20-year license renewal process for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant.
2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection and to the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant.

DATED: JANUARY 16, 2008

MOTION: REYNOLDS

SECOND: WARR

VOTE: AYES: SPARK, MORRISON, MIKULETZKY, REYNOLDS, WARR

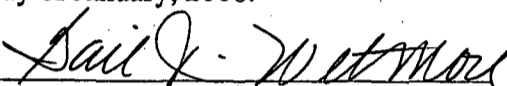
NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CERTIFICATION

I, GAIL J. WETMORE, Clerk of the Borough of Barnegat Light, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light on this 16th day of January, 2008.


GAIL J. WETMORE, Borough Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Borough of Barnegat Light this 16th day of January, 2008.


GAIL J. WETMORE, Borough Clerk

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February 1, 2008 (3:35pm)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
RULEMAKINGS AND
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

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