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EFSAC manager
Attn: Allen Fiksdal

Attention:

Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

This plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and 2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and test calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions.

I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area northeast of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well, this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminants that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

Both my family and I have previously suffered serious life-threatening health consequences due to an environmental sensitivity to emissions associated with hydro towers. We were forced to relocate and subsequently our health challenges dissipated. My former physician has used our case as a classic case study on environmental sensitivity. If this project proceeds I will be avoiding the downtown core of Abbotsford, B.C. and Sumas, Washington as the proximity of the towers will create too great a health risk for me to be exposed to them on any semblance of regularity.

Your assistance in preventing such environmental damage and listening to the citizens who will be effected by such is greatly appreciated. The Sumas Energy 2 statement that this is the most environmentally-friendly system available does not negate the environmental damage it would cause. To position a project such as this in an area that already faces serious environmental challenges is completely unacceptable. The political and economic fallout from such a project would be felt for years to come. I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Skorupa
Genevieve Skorupa-Abbotsford Resident

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