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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
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Re: Docket No. 20-06-22 Application of Yankee Gas Services Company or Approval of a Special Contract

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Application of Yankee Gas Services Company dba Eversource for Approval of a Special Contract. We appreciate your consideration of some of the concerns we have with this contract.

This power plant is unnecessary and costly to our residents. We have made considerable commitments to clean energy and emissions reduction, but approval of this plant goes directly against Governor Lamont's Executive Order 3 to ensure a zero-carbon electric grid by 2040. It will increase our continued reliance on fossil fuels and is out of alignment with Connecticut's Global Warming Solutions Act goals.

Furthermore, opposition by citizens across the state reaffirms the need for Connecticut to strengthen our environmental justice law. DEEP has considered Killingly as an environmental justice community since 2019. The potential hazards that this power plant holds should not be permitted anywhere in Connecticut, especially not in an already overburdened community.

The last thing Connecticut needs is more costly pollution. This power plant will not only cause filthy air pollution, but also irreparable water pollution. Investing in gas infrastructure when we already have renewable energy options in the pipeline will hurt our environment and our residents, and will hold Connecticut back from real solutions to climate change and resiliency.

CTLCV strongly opposes this contract and hopes that DEEP will reject it. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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