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Re: Stop West Point Partners, LLC: Proposed Two Massive Converter Stations in Cortlandt

The Town Board and I along with our Task Force, which includes many residents and the Mayor of the Village of Buchanan (Theresa Knickerbocker) strongly, oppose the proposed West Point Partners, LLC project in the hamlet of Verplanck in the Town of Cortlandt, adjacent to the Village of Buchanan.

The nearly fifty-foot high building proposed is a gigantic converter hall with 80-foot tall lightning masts. It has a significantly bigger footprint than most other buildings in our area. It also would produce a 24/7 buzzing noise, which we have heard from their other plant in Hicksville, N.Y. (Long Island). It does not provide for any new permanent jobs and would be a negative impact to our community and to the area.

This proposal would construct two massive converter stations with buried high voltage cables going from Athens, N.Y. to Verplanck, to transport or transfer existing power from upstate to downstate. It does not PRODUCE any power. It has a capacity of up to 1000 megawatts. Why should the Town of Cortlandt be the energy capital for all of New York State, especially when new energy proposals are being considered? We have had to fight the Millennium Pipeline and Riverbank, USA which wanted to drill for hydropower in Verplanck, Cortlandt. We were successful in stopping these two dangerous impacts to our community and we will continue to fight the West Point Partners, LLC project, as well.

Please join us at the New York State's Public Service Commissions public hearing on Wednesday, April 30, 2014; there will be two sessions. The first session will be an information meeting from 2:30pm-3:30pm and the hearing will begin at 3:30pm. The second session will be an information meeting at 6:00pm -7:00pm and the hearing will begin at 7:00pm. It will be held at the Town's Community Center, Muriel H. Morabito Community Center, off Westbrook Drive (Rte. 6). Please join us to state our many reasons why this massive plant would affect over six thousand residential properties nearby the proposed site.

Also, view our informational meeting at www.townofcortlandt.com and look under latest news to find out more details on why we oppose WPP, LLC.

NOTE: This project is not affiliated with the West Point Military Academy; it is a privately owned company.

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