

April 26, 2021

To whom it may concern:

My name is Rachel Lea Scott and I am a resident of South Hadley, MA. I am writing in opposition to the petition of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company related to building and utilizing a new gas and oil powered peaker power plant in Peabody, MA.

I urge the MA Department of Public Utilities not to approve the request of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company to issue bonds or other funding sources to build a 60-megawatt gas and oil peaker power plant in Peabody, MA. As a mother and environmental advocate, I strongly believe that this plant should not be built. If there is concern about electricity reliability in the region then greater investments in renewable energy should be prioritized.

Building a gas and oil-powered plant in Peabody would have negative impacts on human and ecological health. I am especially concerned about the impact this plant would have on the health of the residents of the two Environmental Justice communities nearby to the proposed location for this plant. Additionally, building a new fossil fuel plant would be misaligned with the Commonwealth's climate mandates. Use of this plant would worsen air pollution, harm public health, and exacerbate the climate crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lea Scott  
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