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Brian D. Hill

State Representative, 97th House District

Ohio Power Siting Board
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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed natural gas-fired power plant in Guernsey County developed by Apex Power Group and Caithness Energy. The Guernsey Power Station (GPS) would boost the economy of Southern Guernsey County, providing jobs, affordable electricity, and additional revenue for school districts and municipalities in its vicinity.

The developers of this project believe in Southeastern Ohio, and the proposed \$1.4 billion plant will provide more opportunities to the people of the 97th House District. The Guernsey Power Station project will create about 500 jobs during the construction phase, and create 25 permanent positions for highly skilled employees once completed. The lasting effects of this construction will be over \$915,000 in state and local tax revenue each year, and will benefit the Rolling Hills School District and the surrounding villages and townships.

In addition to the lasting economic benefits of this project, the Guernsey Power Station is designed to have a minimal impact on the local environment while maximizing energy output. The combined cycle technology planned for this project captures excess heat that is normally lost during power generation and converts it into usable electricity, increasing energy efficiency without increasing the amount of fuel used for generation. This will be one of the cleanest burning natural gas-fired power plants in Ohio, and power over 1.5 million homes while achieving the lowest possible air emissions.

Again, I want to make clear my support for the Guernsey Power Station, and hope that you will consider this when making your decision. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Brian D. Hill in cursive script.

Brian D. Hill
State Representative, 97th District of Ohio

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