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Mr. Robert J. Shea
Hearing Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Brockton Power Company, LLC, Docket Number EFSB 07-7

Dear Mr. Shea,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the petition of Brockton Power Company, LLC ("the Proponent") to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) for approval to construct and operate a 350 megawatt, dual-fueled, combined-cycled electric power plant on Oak Hill Way in Brockton ("the Project") and to support the Town of West Bridgewater's request to be an intervener/party in the EFSB proceedings on this matter.

Further, I adamantly oppose the petition of the proponent to circumvent local Zoning Board authority by requesting a comprehensive zoning exemption under M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Section 3. A project of this magnitude and precarious nature should be required to undergo all applicable local and state review processes.

I am against the siting of this power plant because I have serious concerns for the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens I represent in the surrounding residential areas of Easton, East-Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater. Pursuant to these concerns, as part of the Public Comment Hearing process required by EFSB and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), the first hearing being held on September 27th in Brockton, I request that at least one of these hearings be held in the Town of West Bridgewater. The abutting communities should be given equal opportunity to express their concerns.

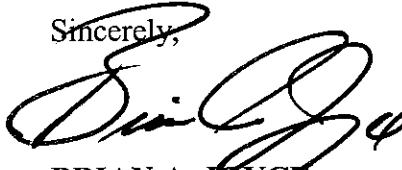
In the project Environmental Notification Form (ENF) submitted by the proponent it was noted that the proposed location is relatively isolated from residential areas and other sensitive land

uses. This statement is completely inaccurate. The West Bridgewater town line is less than a half-mile from the proposed site of this project. In addition, located approximately 2200 feet from the proposed site are the two elderly residential communities of Westbridge Landing and Matfield Woods. Consider carefully that within two miles of this site the Town of West Bridgewater has 1,274 parcels of land classified as residential, not including the above-mentioned manufactured home communities and that almost 90 percent of the area directly abutting the proposed site of this major power plant is a de facto residential zone!

As an aside, in the proponent's presentation materials, they state that the proposed plant is far superior to the Canal Electric Plant currently in operation on Cape Cod. Perhaps it would make sense to explore using the technology slated for the Brockton project to make the Canal plant safer and more environmentally-friendly before siting a completely new plant in the middle of a densely populated area.

In summary, I hope that the Board will recognize that while the site in Brockton is technically zoned for heavy industry, in reality, the surrounding area is comprised almost entirely of residential areas and is the location of several "sensitive groups" including schools and elderly housing developments.

For this reason, combined with the very real issues of regional air quality impact, health and safety concerns, noise and visual pollution, and insufficient local traffic infrastructure to support transportation in and out of the site, I strongly object to siting the project on Oak Hill Way in Brockton.

Sincerely,

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State Senator

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