



## **Filing Receipt**

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Chairman Thomas J. Gleeson  
Commissioner Lori Cobos  
Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty  
Commissioner Courtney K. Hjaltman  
Commissioner Kathleen Jackson

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to object to the natural gas rapid-start/peaker power plant (Imperial Power Plant) to be built at 1 Circle Drive Sugar Land, TX 77498, under project control number 56896, NOI Project Control Number 56455-71. This proposed plant will be less than three miles of my home.

My biggest concern is for the health of myself and the residents who live close to this proposed site. The May 2024 GAO report, Electricity: Information on Peak Demand Power Plants, states that peaker power plants emit more pollutants - such as nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide - per unit of electricity generated than non-peaker plants. These pollutants are associated with various negative health effects, including respiratory, cardiovascular and nervous system issues.

Fort Bend County is already within a non-attainment zone, with a classification of severe. Adding another power plant, especially in a densely populated area, will further compromise the health, safety and environment of our community.

Additionally, the Imperial Power Plant will be operating in a densely populated area. The plant will be within 3 miles of 18 schools, 16 places of worship, over 75,000 residents, and backed up against established and proposed residential zones. Twenty percent of the residents in this three-mile radius are considered most susceptible to harmful emissions, children under 5 and seniors. In developing this plant, the leaders of Sugar Land are placing the health of our families and children in jeopardy.

According to Air Alliance Houston, we already have in Fort Bend County the dirtiest coal plant in Texas in 2023 - W.A. Parish. It "produces the second-most sulfur dioxide pollution of any plant in the country". According to a Rice University study, this coal plant is responsible for 178 premature deaths every year, between its particulate matter pollution or contaminating groundwater wells with unsafe levels of arsenic, mercury, and other hazards.

Last night, over 300 residents met with Sugar Land City officials to protest this plant. They showed up in person and on Zoom. Even more citizens are expected at the next meeting to protest the building of this plant. It is my hope that you will take the concerns of the citizens regarding their health into consideration and NOT award this project to Imperial Power Plant.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Perkins