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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Re: Objection to the Proposed Hydroelectric Stony Clove Reservoir in Lanesville, NY

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Ashokan Reservoir Pumped Storage Reservoir Project. This project would flood the town of Lanesville, NY., submerge Route 214, the main link between the towns of Hunter NY and Phoenicia NY, negatively affect ecology system of the Ashokan watershed, and jeopardize the NYC's water supply.

What is being proposed is to build a dam to create a reservoir to send water through a tunnel 12.9 miles away to the outlet of the Ashokan Reservoir, to generate 2,800 megawatts of electric power during peak hours. Then it would take 2,000 megawatts or 70 % of the electrical power generated to pump water back 12.9 miles to refill the reservoir during off peak hours. The electrical power sent to Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp would be only 800 megawatts, i.e., 30 % of the total power generated!

This is not a logical cost effective plan! I'm all in favor of a sound renewable electrical energy, but the proposed plan would flood towns, seize private property by eminent domain, isolate areas, and negatively affect the stream ecology system of the Ashokan watershed, and negatively impact the Catskill tourism economy.

I have grown up on Staten Island and have been going to the Catskills since 1955 with the Boy Scouts on a hiking trips. After graduating from college I worked for Con Edison for seven years from 1961 to 1968 in power plants in Performance Engineering. I know about making electric power. Since 1970 I have had three vacation homes in the Catskills. The last one I build in 1989 in Lanesville, NY on 4.4 acres. I have enjoyed the Catskills for years, hiking, skiing, camping and fishing in the Catskills with my family. I love the Catskill Mountains, please don't destroy them.

A good hydroelectric site should have a good water flow, avoid environmental devastation, avoid risks to the NYC's drinking water supply from the Ashokan Reservoir and avoid community displacement. I am sure somebody can sit down and come up with a plan to make clean electrical energy without environmental devastation, risks to the NYC's water supply and community displacement.

Sincerely,



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