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FEDERAL ENERGY
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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket P-15056
Premium Energy Proposal to FERC

Dear Secretary Bose and Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

I am a resident of West Shokan, a hamlet of Olive, NY and I am writing to voice my opposition to Premium Energy's proposal to build a supposedly closed loop energy storage system in the Ashokan Reservoir area. I am asking you to join in opposition to this as well, and to do all that you and your office can do to stop this for-profit company.

The project is inside the Catskill Forest Preserve and would definitely destroy the highly preserved forests, wildlife, and stream ecology. Article XIV of the New York State Constitution states: "The lands of the state now owned or hereafter acquired, constituting the forest preserve as now fixed by law, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed." I do not understand how the wants of a for-profit company in California can overrule the law of the state.

Closed-loop projects are supposed to have a smaller impact on the environment and therefore are eligible to streamlined FERC approval. Their plan, in fact, is not a closed loop project at all.

Further, the project would increase turbidity and pollution in the protected Ashokan Reservoir that supplies 40% of NYC drinking water.

Private property would have to be taken by eminent domain, something which displaced thousands in this exact area when the Ashokan Reservoir was built.

Please join the many organizations working to stop this horrific project. save our area of Ulster County.

Very truly yours,
B. Jean Runz