

February 22, 2010

Mr. Harold N. Kvisle, President and CEO
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Dear Mr. Kvisle,

Re: Proposed Oakville Power Plant – A Good Corporate Decision?

It is with great concern that I write to you about your proposed endeavour to build a gas-fired Power Plant in Oakville, with the blessing of the Ontario Power Authority and the Government of Ontario and the encouragement of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, on a very small site beside an established neighbourhood, adjacent to a main CNR/VIA Rail/GO train line and within meters of the busy Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) highway. This is sheer madness.

I enclose several articles, editorials and letters to the editor which have appeared in the Oakville Beaver, our local newspaper with a wide circulation, in the past two weeks. I would ask you to read them to gain an insight into the indignation of this community of 170,000 people, to say nothing of our immediate neighbours in Mississauga, Burlington and Halton Hills.

Promotional material, which has appeared several times in the Oakville Beaver and in a brochure delivered to our door, uses your Ravenswood plant in Queen's, N.Y. as an example of a power plant next to a residential area, and claims that there are no complaints about pollution or any other detrimental factor. It is my understanding that you only purchased this facility in the past couple of years. Also, this plant was built more than 40 years ago when people were not as environmentally concerned, nor were there likely to be many complaints when this location is in the greater New York airshed. Any comments from 40 years ago would be long lost by now.

My husband and I have lived within 2 km. of your proposed site for 37 years and we deeply resent your desire to compromise this area with a power plant. It is unsuitable from an environmental point-of-view, from its proximity to homes (400 m.), schools (300 m.) and businesses (65 m.), and its enormous intrusion on the Oakville landscape. This facility would be visible from the QEW highway, Lake Ontario, many locations in Oakville and SE Mississauga, as well as from the air. Every plane using the western runways of Pearson Airport will provide an excellent opportunity for millions of passengers to see your power plant immediately beside the vast canopy of trees which shelters hundreds of homes and tens of thousands of people.

Furthermore, surely the unfortunate explosion at the gas-fired power plant in Middletown, Conn. is more than enough to convince you that such a facility in a highly

populated area is a huge potential disaster. At your recent Open House, I asked two of your personnel how they could guarantee that such an explosion would not occur in Oakville. They repeated twice that “TransCanada has policies, practices and procedures in place” to make sure that this does not happen. I feel sure that the construction company and the power company in Middletown also had policies, practices and procedures in place. Mr. Kvisle, no one can guarantee that it could not happen here.

Ontario communities are very worried about this proposal as they fear that, if it proceeds, the Ontario Government will use the Oakville plant as an example to insist upon power plants in other highly populated areas. The backlash would be huge.

You have a reputation to maintain. TransCanada Energy (Pipelines) is a well-known company with many shareholders, including us. Forcing an ill-advised power plant on Oakville in this location will be a large blot on your reputation.

You still have an opportunity to cancel this project. Please take it.

Yours truly,

P.H.