

6/29/2016

Mr. Mills,

In response to the ITC/Lake Erie Connector Project.

Section 1 of the permit ITC states they are not owned by any foreign companies, at the time of the application. This was a true statement. ITC has sold to a Canadian power company called Fortis, for \$11.3 billion. Fortis has sold 19.9% to a Singapore company GIC for \$1.3 Billion. This alone causes concerns about the USA being supplied electricity from foreign owned companies. The sale should be completed, according to the Fortis website, by the third quarter of 2016. When the sale is completed ITC has no stock in this project.

The Conneaut Township supervisors have submitted a letter to ITC/Mike Ivester that until the concerns of local residents in the future convertor hall location have a guarantee that the water table will not be disturbed and what health issues can happen from such large buried power lines being located in the front yards will or possibly have on residents the supervisors can not approve this project to continue forward.

Some other local residents concerns are loss of property values, quality of life living next to the hall and last the impact from the cooling fans on residents, pets and wildlife.

I have included a copy of the supervisors letter to ITC.

My concerns which I brought to Conneaut Township, Erie County Council, Erie County Executive Cathy Dahlkemper, State Representative Parke Wettling among others are facts stated in the application.

The possible blasting of the bedrock which goes 2000 feet into the lake from the shore, will definitely kill many aquatic life species, along with the four local fish that will have some affects for long term from the buried lines.

Another concern is where the lines are to be buried the water temperatures will rise 2.3 degrees. The Erie area is a fishing community and fishing is a year round benefit to the local economy. The disruption during construction and after will leave a long term negative effect to local fishing business. There will be an effects on algae growth.

Local birds that the hall will affect should be considered from the local American Bald Eagle which has a flight path over the future site. This family of Eagles have been local residents for 20 + years and disrupt their life along with local residents is a shame all for a foreign owned power company. The other birds in the report should also be reviewed even down to the bats, which are losing population in America.

The reason for concern is the multiple cooling fans that will be installed in the hall will produce a decibel of 50+, and unknown heat generated into the atmosphere. That high of a constant decibel will be heard by humans, dogs, birds and wildlife. Please save our community from this great disturbance. The heat generated will cause unknown atmosphere issues.

On a personal concern from having to live so close to this foreign owned power business, the local water table is nine feet to thirteen feet deep, The vaults they propose to install are 10'x10'x30' with 1.5' of ground cover and a 6"+ gravel base. That puts them in the water table which if disrupted could possibly go away. I have asked the land agent repeatedly where the location of the vaults are and his comments are they have not be established. I feel a project of this size and being pushed this fast, an important detail like vault locations should have been decided long ago. ITC knows that PA DOT has told them about weight limits on local roads. The application states there are 15 to 16 vaults on the land route. The local community is not being given the whole truth about this project.

May 21st, 2016 Erie County Councilwoman Carol Loll requested ITC come to the Erie County Courthouse for a public meeting. I attended and asked all and more of the issues stated above

Unfortunately ITC's Mike Ivester, Andrew Jamieson nor Steve Halmi were able or were willing to answer these questions.

February 2016 the Supreme Court put a stay on the EPA, closing coal powered electric producing plants down. Their concerns were that closing plants without given them a chance to meet emission standards is making America electric weak. In a era when the USA wants to not be energy dependent on foreign companies, we are considering letting one build in America and produce power in Canada to be owned by foreign business.

I asked ITC if the power to be supplied was produced by hydro and the answer was NO.

In closing I ask of the Dept. of Energy and the Whitehouse to review the future owners of ITC and put a stop to this project. Review the way the power will really be produced.

Give the American power companies a chance to meet emissions and save American jobs before suppling other foreign companies with work opportunities funded by the American public who buy electricity.

Please delay or stop the approval of ITC's application to move forward.

Thank You

Douglas Lavery



Included Conneaut Township's letter ITC

Concerns addressed to Conneaut Township and Erie County Council

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June 20, 2016

Mike Ivester, Regional Manager
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Dear Mr. Ivester,

We, the new, legal representatives of Conneaut Township, have listened to many complaints by our constituents over the last several months concerning the planned Electric Converter Station proposed by ITC.

We have also provided an open public meeting, with a presentation by ITC, to discuss the proposed route, construction, and pertinent facts of operation of the planned Station. Several important points have not been addressed, however, and those points still disturb our constituents.

First, and mainly, is the drinking water concern.

Second is the possible health effect from such a large buried electrical cable in such close proximity to living space.

Third is the noise magnitude of this operation.

Fourth is the loss of quality of life.

Finally, and importantly, is the huge property devaluation.

Our Township is basically rural, with only a small portion of homes with city water near the town of Albion. Conneaut Township does not experience water shortages with the water wells in the Township. More importantly, the northwest corner of our Township, where the proposed ITC convertor Station would be located, is in the best aquifer in our Township. The proposed line is within feet of, and possibly into or below, the water line of the concerned citizens' drinking water. This is a huge concern, as any damage to the water table could have a substantial long-term effect on our citizens.

The third concern is the noise level. We believe that the constant noise level proposed will be a definite nuisance and a radical change to the present living conditions. Is it right to ask our constituents for forfeit their peace and quiet?

With all the above problems not being addressed, it has caused stress and anxiety to the northwest neighborhood of Conneaut Township.

Lastly, there is a most definite and substantial loss of property value. Who would want to live next to this facility? Property values will decrease.

In conclusion, we feel that our constituents have very legitimate and honest complaints. These issues will have to be addressed before we can support such a large construction project. Without having these quality of life concerns addressed, it is unfair to our constituents to give our support to you.

Furthermore, we understand that there is already an alternate route available, which is fully owned by Penelec. That route already comes directly from Lake Erie, and would go to the very same location. That route is much shorter and would be less costly and less offensive to Erie County – especially our citizens. That route would not interfere with the homes and lives of our constituents. We hope that this idea will be researched, explored and utilized.

As the legal Representatives of Conneaut Township, we believe we have a responsibility to withhold our support until these concerns are addressed for the citizens that we represent.



Daniel G. Tercho, Chairman



Sarah A. McCabe, Supervisor



Gregory D. West, Supervisor

Tuesday , May,17,2016

Douglas Lavery

Good evening council members,

My concerns are about a company called ITC, which is planning to install the project called , The Lake Erie Connector.

1000 MW. Bi-directional High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC)

Building a convertor Hall on Lexington Rd , Girard,PA. Conneaut Twp.

My concerns and others living in this rural setting are

1. Has a environmental impact study been received from ITC
2. Has a lose of property values study been done for local residents close to the convertor hall
- 3 . The water table in our area is 13' deep and very high quality
If one of the scheduled connection vaults is placed in the area the water flow and quality will be destroyed. The vaults are 10'x10'x30' with 1.5' of coverage
4. Residents with in the convertor hall area will most definitely loose tremendous property values on their homes along with the country living we are associated with will be disrupted. This local community neighborhood which has a standard of owner pride will be lost.
5. The sound effects from the convertor hall cooling fans that we have been told will produce 50 + decibels will undoubtedly annoy residents , pets & natural wildlife
The heat generated from the cooling fans will change the flight patterns of natural birds
This will definitely change the daily sightings of the eagles / blue heron and other fowl.
6. Health effects or quality of life from such a high DC/AC buried cable being installed in the ground of each homeowner or neighbors property.
Which could emit a electric magnetic field
7. Information from ITC has been basically less than informational but just enough to satisfy the federal government requirements.
8. Local residents have no local government suppling information, asking for information, or being supplied information from ITC to help tax paying Erie County residents from basically having their country living being destroyed by the installation of the lines and the convertor hall for the profit of ITC, leaving the residents with property that will be worth absolutely nothing and have to deal with for the rest of their lives.
9. ITC has sold its company to a Canadian power company called Fortis for 11.3 Billion dollars. Fortis has sold 19.9% of it holdings to a Singapore power company GIC for 1.3 Billion dollars. I fell neither of these companies will care about the Americans this

will affect.

10. The Lexington rd. site will most definitely be put on a terrorist hit list because Penelec will supply 12 American states including Washington DC from this sub station and it will supply Canada with unknown areas of power.

In closing the residents of Lexington Rd need the councils help to protect them from this project that has no concerns for the people or the environment it will affect.

Big money will be made from the production of this electric but none of it will help Erie County or the United States because the owners are from Canada and Singapore.

Websites for information

lakeerieconnector.com