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To: CHIEFCLK
Subject: Permit 175173

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## Dear Chief Clerk,

As someone who lives, breathes, and thrives in this community, I am deeply concerned about the proposed facility for Permit 17513 Wolf Hollow II and the harmful emissions it will release into our air. As an individual with asthma, I already navigate the daily challenges of managing my health. Now, this facility threatens to make that even more difficult by filling the air with contaminants like carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and hazardous air pollutants—each of which poses a serious risk to respiratory health.

Air quality is not just an environmental issue; it is a **public health** issue. The fine particulate matter that will be emitted—particles so small they can embed deep into the lungs—can trigger severe asthma attacks, worsen lung function, and increase the risk of long-term respiratory diseases. For someone like me, this isn't just an inconvenience. It's a direct threat to my ability to breathe freely and live a normal life.

Beyond my personal health, this facility will take away something that is essential to my well-being—my ability to run freely in my own neighborhood. Running is not just a hobby; it is a fundamental part of my life, my health, and my happiness. The thought of having to give that up because the air I breathe is no longer safe is **devastating**. Why should I, or anyone in this community, have to choose between our passions and our health?

This isn't just about me—it's about all of us. Our children, our elderly, our families who deserve clean air and a safe place to live. We, as a community, are standing together to demand that our voices be heard. Our health and quality of life should never be sacrificed for industrial gain. We urge you to reconsider and prioritize the well-being of the people who call this place home.

We deserve better. We demand better. It's time to listen.

Sincerely,

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The Mitchell Bend community does not understand or agree with the Executive Director's decision regarding the named affected people for a contested hearing in the January 17, 2025 letter. The community feels many people whose health has been adversely affected by the Constellation Energy Complex (Wolf Hollow II) have legitimate concerns that the addition of Wolf Hollow III will further their declining health. Because the wording for a contested hearing or a form letter was used to request a contested hearing many of the residents within the one mile radius around Wolf Hollow II are not identified as affected. What can be done to address this travesty? Even among the named affected persons, others living at the same address were not considered to be affected. Why is that?

The letter dated January 3 seems to indicate that persons who have filed a timely hearing request can ask to be designated as affected again. What needs to be in a letter to the Executive Director to make their case to be considered affected?

The following list of names are persons who have recent serious health problems that continue to progress. They certainly would be further affected by a fourth gas powered power plant in a small geographic area in Hood County.

Donna Adair

Robert Adair

Travis Copenhaver (Shenice Copenhaver listed as affected at same address)

Mark Beatty

David Blankenship

Lisa Blankenship

**Corey Webster** 

Geraldine Lathers

**Toby Mitchell** 

Steven Potts

**Barbara Potts** 

Beverley A. Potts

Larry M. Potts

Mary Allard

Ronnie Allard

Daniel R. Rhode

Nancy Rhode

Gwyneth Rhode

Deanna Lakey (Danny Lakey listed as affected at same address)

**Thomas Weeks** 

**Christine Brooking** 

Amy Rawle

Wesley Rawle

**Bruce Chase** 

Jeff Seider

Leann Seider

William Seider

Brianna G. Seider

Ted Hayes
Wyveda Dowdy
Brent Hayes
Linda Hayes
Kim Tibljas
Edward J. Tibljas
Deanna Jones

The Mitchell Bend community is asking TCEQ for environmental protection for themselves along with flora and fauna in the area. They are asking for a denial of the air permits. They are asking for protections such as a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system to reduce nitrogen oxides, utilizing electrostatic precipitators and/or bag houses to capture particulate matter, employing wet scrubbers to remove sulfur dioxide and employing carbon capture and storage to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions. Testing for contaminants is definitely needed, but there needs for equipment to be installed in any new gas powered plant to reduce known and stated contaminants.

Although the heavy metal mercury is not being tested for, that does not mean it is not present in natural gas. The community continues to ask about mercury because it is known to be in natural gas and a tiny amount is hazardous.

The protections the community is asking for are not unreasonable and other industries employ these safeguards (such as cement plants).

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