



Put Peakers in the Past Coalition

An Initiative of Berkshire Environmental Action Team & No Fracked Gas in Mass

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Nicholas Wright
Hull Street Energy
4747 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 1220
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Mr. Wright,

We, members of the Peaker Coalition along with Massachusetts state legislators for the region, are requesting a meeting with you in order to discuss the possibility of converting Pittsfield Generating from a fossil-fueled peaker into a clean battery storage facility. As noted in our previous letter to your parent company IPSC, Pittsfield Generating is a key target of our campaign to convert power plants located in Berkshire County from fossil fuels to clean energy or have them retire. We have recently been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that Pittsfield Generating has submitted their air permit for renewal. Our goal remains to stop this permit from being renewed.

Our coalition now includes 20 organizations and our petition has 214 signatures — both are continuing to grow. An increasing number of physicians and Boards of Health are also engaging with our campaign out of concern for the adverse effects of climate change and air pollution on their patients and community members.

We believe the time is right to convert this facility from fossil fuels to clean energy and we would like to engage your company in dialogue to see if you have plans to convert, or if we can aid in that transition. The local community has demonstrated its support for this conversion and we hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,

Jane Winn, *Executive Director, Berkshire Environmental Action Team*
Berkshire Environmental Action Team

Rosemary Wessel, *Program Director, No Fracked Gas in Mass*
Berkshire Environmental Action Team

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Massachusetts Berkshire County Legislators:

Adam Hinds, *MA State Senator, Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District*

Tricia Farley Bouvier, *MA State Representative, 3rd Berkshire District*

Paul Mark, *MA State Representative, 2nd Berkshire District*

Smitty Pignatelli, *MA State Representative, 4th Berkshire District*

Member organizations of the Put Peakers in the Past Coalition:

350 MA Berkshire Node

350 Central Mass Node

Berkshire Brigades

Berkshire Democratic Socialists America

Berkshire Environmental Action Team

Berkshire Women's Action Group

Community Action Works

Divest Smith

The Enviro Show

Extinction Rebellion Berkshires

Friends of Mohawk Trail State Forest

Green Sanctuary, Climate Justice Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church

Indivisible Pittsfield

Lee Selectboard

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MassPIRG Students

NAACP - Berkshire Co. Branch

No Fracked Gas in Mass

Old Stone Mill Center

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