Danskammer: A new fossil fuel plant with the same old problems

WHAT’S THE STORY?
The existing natural gas-fired plant in the Town of Newburgh operates less than five percent of the time, providing energy only during high-demand periods. Danskammer Energy, LLC, proposes replacing this facility with a new gas-fired plant that will run nearly all the time.

WHAT’S AT STAKE?
1. A climate-smart future: This plant would increase emissions of climate-warming greenhouse gases—flying in the face of New York’s ambitious plan to combat climate change.
2. Fresh air: Along with carbon, the new plant would emit harmful nitrogen oxides, ozone and other contaminants that also pollute the air—and our lungs.
3. Prosperous communities: If left unchecked, climate change likely will lead to rising sea levels, more frequent flooding and extreme storms—resulting in billions of dollars of damage to communities along the Hudson.
4. Clean water: The plant’s riverfront location increases the potential for spills that could endanger critical aquatic habitats and drinking water intakes and the potential for flooding due to sea level rise.

WHAT CAN I DO?
1. Get involved: Although located in Newburgh, the plant’s impacts would be region-wide. It also sets a bad precedent, increasing the potential for similar facilities in other communities.
2. Spread the word: Let friends and neighbors know that this plant would damage our health and economy. Share renewable energy’s benefits—new jobs, clean air, lower energy costs.
3. Speak out: Make your comments part of the official record! Tell the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment that you oppose the Danskammer project at https://on.ny.gov/2FiZDgn.

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