

Maureen Halahan  
President/CEO



40 Matthews Street, Suite 108  
Goshen, NY 10924  
(845) 294-2323  
Fax: (845) 294-8023  
info@ocpartnership.org  
http://www.ocpartnership.org

**DIRECTORS:**

Virginia Kizza  
Chairman

John Galanti  
Vice Chair

Alan Scidman  
2nd Vice Chair

James P. Smith  
Immediate Past Chair

Thomas Brunelle  
F. Edward Devirt  
Hon. Edward Diane  
John Donohue  
Kathleen Doyle  
John Ghusko  
Robert Hatfield  
Hon. M. William Lahey  
Richard Lemon  
David MacFarland IDA  
Alan Marks  
Jen Memmelaar  
Rolland Peacock, III  
William Richards  
James Taylor  
John Zupetz

**DIRECTORS EMERITUS:**

Donna Cornell  
David DeWilde  
Robert Hannan  
Louis Heimbach  
Woody Levitan  
David MacFarland  
Ralph Maruoci  
John Szefto  
William Vaccia

**ALLIANCE FOR  
BALANCED GROWTH:**

John Lavelle, Chairman  
Chris Frassetto  
Irving Zuckerman

September 8, 2008

Town of Wawayanda  
Planning Board  
80 Ridgebury Hill Road  
Slate Hill, NY 10973

**SUBJECT: Competitive Power Ventures – Valley Energy Center**

Dear Chairman and Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Partnership to urge the Planning Board to favorably consider a request by Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) to locate the Valley Energy Center, a natural gas combined-cycle electric power generator plant, on Route 6 in the Town of Wawayanda. The Partnership firmly believes that this new state-of-the-art power plant would promote the creation of excellent, high-paying jobs and tax rateables in the Town of Wawayanda and Minisink School District.

In this highly competitive market where the numbers of new corporate facilities and expansions have been steadily shrinking over the past 5 years, we are not only competing for projects nationally, but globally. Additionally, we read every day about the shortage of power in the northeast corridor and the addition of this power generating plant will further position the town for future balanced growth. It is critical that we position ourselves for success.

CPV is demonstrating its commitment to a clean energy future, a better environmental future, and especially to this community. The principals in this endeavor are making every effort to meet with citizens to inform and assure them of the value and viability of this project. A local office will be opened to make the process convenient and transparent. Please consider these positive impacts to the community while going through the scooping process:

- This 630 Megawatt facility will help meet the growing energy needs of the Lower Hudson Valley region as identified by the New York Independent Systems Operator, while improving the reliability of the state's electric infrastructure.
- At a cost of some \$800 million this facility would be the largest taxpayer by far in the Town of Wawayanda and Minisink School District.
- The plant will be sited in a M1 industrial zoned, designated growth corridor in a perfectly situated location adjacent to I-84. Approximately 75% of this 122-acre site will be undeveloped.
- There is an obvious synergy with the site's proximity to the Marcy transmission lines to transmit the generated power and the Millennium gas line to fuel the plant.

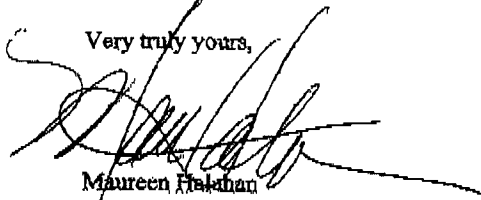
RECEIVED  
SEP 08 2008  
BY: pk

- This facility would be an additional user for the newly created water and sewer district, helping offset the Towns expenses in that regard.
- During construction, this project will employ up to 400 people over a two-year period.
- Once operational, the plant will employ 25 employees earning an average of \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year.
- CPV is successfully managing the day-to-day operation and maintenance of more than 6,000 MW of generation in eight states to provide improved financial returns, enhanced environmental protection and greater consumer benefits.
- This highly efficient, state-of-the art technology utilizing a Combined Cycle Electric Generator will generate local, cleaner electricity that reduces dependence on older and coal burning power plants and is better for our environment. The process generates electricity from natural gas and the waste heat is used to make steam to generate additional electricity via a steam turbine.
- Under a proposed Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) the company would pay approximately \$30 million into the local economy providing revenue to support vital public services, school funding, and possible tax relief.

In closing, the Orange County Partnership respectfully requests that your Board act favorably upon the request from Competitive Power Ventures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Maureen Hakhan  
President & CEO  
Orange County Partnership