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August 27, 2007

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August 27, 2007

Ms. Paula Connell, P.E.
Industrial Division
MPCA
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RE: Air Permit for Midtown Eco Energy Facility

Dear Ms. Connell:

I write today in support of the Midtown Eco Energy (MEE) facility in development in south Minneapolis. As we face a rapidly growing need to find our energy from non-fossil fuel sources, MEE is exactly the kind of project we need to add to the Minnesota power grid. MEE will be carbon neutral under both the Kyoto Protocol and by the European Union. This facility will produce dramatically less emission than energy produced by coal and will also be available 24 hours a day.

Further, as a renewable energy facility providing electricity and district heat to Minneapolis, it is a great example of how to address both global climate change and community based economic development at the same time. MEE will also generate jobs and stimulate economic development in Minneapolis's federally-designated Empowerment Zone. MEE's developers have committed to employing a minimum of seven people from the neighborhoods around the site. Good paying, family-supporting jobs.

I urge the MPCA to issue the final air permit for MEE. Global climate change needs to be addressed now and this is one way Minnesota can take the lead on this issue. Our energy future can start today.

Sincerely,

Mayor R.T. Rybak
City of Minneapolis

August 24, 2007

Paula Connell, P.E.
Industrial Division
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St. Paul, MN 55155
651-282-8605

Dear Ms. Connell,

This letter is written in support of the Midtown Eco Energy facility. I believe that Midtown Eco Energy would be a great addition to the Minnesota. As a renewable energy facility providing electricity and district heat to Minneapolis, it is a great example of how to address global climate change and community based economic development.

As Chair of the Minneapolis Planning Commission, I recently considered land-use applications for this facility, along with my fellow commissioners. We felt that this facility not only met and exceeded the city's criteria for the sustainable and ingenious land use ideas we are moving towards as a civic entity, but also is pushing local and national precedent boundaries for what is possible in renewable energy.

MEE is considered carbon neutral under both the Kyoto Protocol and by the European Union. This facility will produce dramatically less emission than energy produced by coal and will also be available 24 hours a day.

MEE will also generate jobs and stimulate economic development in a federally designated empowerment zone. Project developers have committed to employ 7 residents of the surrounding community and work with an advisory committee throughout the development and operation of the facility.

I urge the MPCA to issue the final air permit for MEE as soon as possible. Global climate change needs to be addressed now and this is one way Minnesota can take the lead on this issue. I am ecstatic that this facility will be located in Minnesota and urge you recognize the importance it holds for the future. The initiators of this idea have pored over every detail and they will run the facility to the highest and best abilities, always keeping the health, safety, and welfare of the city's and the regions residents at the forefront.

Sincerely,



David M. Motzenbecker
Chair, Minneapolis City Planning Commission
115 Washington Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55401



July 7, 2004

Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy
307 City Hall
350 S. 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1316

Dear Council Member Colvin Roy,

This is a letter of support for the Phillips Biomass Community Energy Project, which is being developed jointly by the Green Institute and the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative.

As you are aware, this renewable energy project will convert the former South Transfer Station incinerator plant to a 20 megawatt combined heat and power facility. The power plant will utilize clean urban waste wood, primarily from tree trimmings, and agricultural residues for its fuel. Waste heat from electricity generation will be recaptured as part of a district heating system that will be constructed from the LRT station west to the Midtown Exchange and Abbott Northwestern Hospital campus along the Lake Street Corridor.

This 20 megawatts of renewable energy will be an important component of what we hope will be an emerging renewable energy system in Minneapolis, and as a base load facility it will be a good complement to intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar. By producing both electrical power and hot water heating, this facility will have a highly efficient use of fuel. Beyond the offset of natural gas and fuel oil use, which will be significant, the project will also contribute to cleaner air in the area through the use biomass power production, which is generally accepted to be cleaner, and the choice of combustion technology that has the lowest possible emissions.

This renewable energy facility will contribute to the revitalization of an inner-city area and will support greater density and mixed use development around the LRT station and along the Lake Street Corridor. Community ownership by the 750 members of the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative will result in revenues from the sale of power and heating being returned to neighborhood residents in the form of ongoing energy conservation and renewable energy programs.

The Phillips Biomass Plant provides multiple benefits for Minneapolis, its residents and the environment:

- Community ownership – The community will have a direct ownership stake in the project, and will receive financial benefits from the project.
- Very low emissions – the technology utilized will meet or exceed Lowest Achievable Emissions Rate (LAER) standards, and will offset dirtier emissions from other heating sources, such as fuel oil.
- Fuel sources will include clean, urban waste wood and excess agricultural residues, which can reduce wastestreams and increase agricultural markets and incomes.
- District energy will support greater density and mixed use redevelopment of the Lake Street Corridor from the LRT station area west to Midtown Exchange.

This project represents a significant step forward for a new energy future in Minneapolis and in our state, and we urge you to support the project.

Sincerely,

Mark Ritchie, President
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

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September 22, 2005

Councilmember Sandy Colvin Roy
350 South Fifth Street
City Hall, Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Phillips Biomass Community Energy Project

Dear Councilmember Colvin Roy,

We are writing to express our support for the Phillips Biomass Community Energy Project, a project of the Green Institute and the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative. As you know, the project involves conversion of a former incinerator to a heat and power plant utilizing urban waste wood, similar to St. Paul's District Energy.

While the project site is not situated within our neighborhood boundaries, Corcoran and other communities in the Lake Street corridor would directly benefit from its creation of sustainable, clean, community-owned energy and jobs. Especially as we anticipate a burst of new high-density housing spreading from Light Rail to the Sears building site and beyond, the Phillips Biomass Community Energy Project promises immeasurable benefits to the Lake Street corridor. We urge you to support this important project.

Sincerely,

Eric Gustafson
Coordinator, Housing and Land Use
Corcoran Neighborhood Organization

East
Phillips
Improvement
Coalition

October 20, 2004

Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy
Chair, Transportation and Public Works Committee
307 City Hall
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1316

Dear Council Member Colvin Roy:

At the East Phillips Improvement Coalition's monthly Board of Directors Meeting held on October 9th, 2004, the following motion was made:

EPIC supports the City of Minneapolis granting a contingent purchase agreement for the South Side Destructor property to develop the Phillips Bio-mass Project, jointly being developed by The Green Institute and the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative. The motion passed. Two opposed.

This granting of a contingent purchase agreement is an important first step for creating a sustainable future for East Phillips as well as the larger Phillips neighborhood.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (612) 278-7155.

Sincerely,



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East Phillips Improvement Coalition

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Kim Havey, Program Manager
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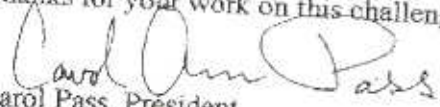
Dear Mr. Havey,

This letter is to inform you that the East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) moved the following motion at its June 14th community meeting:
to approve plans for the Midtown Ecoenergy Biomass Facility and also approved the Good Neighbor Agreement with two EPIC members of the Advisory Committee.

The EPIC membership also moved the following:
to email members a notice of this approval and invite them to self-nominate their participation on the advisory committee within two weeks; and that the EPIC Board select two people from among those nominated to serve on the committee.

We all look forward to Kandiyohi's unprecedented and exciting venture and consider it an honor to have added the Midtown Ecoenergy Biomass Facility to East Phillips' portfolio of progressive ventures in sustainability and "green" economics and technology.

Thanks for your work on this challenging and important project.


Carol Pass, President
East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)



CLEAN WATER ACTION ALLIANCE

June 28, 2004

Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy
307 City Hall
350 S. 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1316

Dear Council Member Colvin Roy,

We are writing to express our support for the Phillips Biomass Community Energy Project, being developed jointly by the Green Institute and the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative.

As you know, this renewable energy project involves converting the former incinerator plant now known as the South Transfer Station to a 20 megawatt combined heat and power facility. The power plant will utilize clean urban waste wood, primarily from tree trimmings, and agricultural residues for its fuel. Waste heat from electricity generation will be recaptured as part of a district heating system that will be constructed from the LRT station west to the Midtown Exchange and Abbott Northwestern Hospital campus along the Lake Street Corridor.

By producing both electrical power and hot water heating, this facility will have a highly efficient use of fuel. In addition to biomass being generally clean power production, the combustion technology chosen for this project has the lowest possible emissions and by offsetting natural gas and fuel oil use, it will contribute to cleaner air in the area. This renewable energy facility will help revitalize an inner-city area and will support greater density and mixed use development around the LRT station and along the Lake Street Corridor. Community ownership by the 750 members of the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative will result in revenues from the sale of power and heating being returned to neighborhood residents in the form of ongoing energy conservation and renewable energy programs.

Our country must reduce its dependence on fossil fuels, much of it imported from other nations, and begin to reverse the trend toward catastrophic climate changes. This 20 megawatts of renewable energy will be an important component of what we hope will be an emerging renewable energy system in Minneapolis, and as a base load facility it will be a good compliment to intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar.

In summary, we would ask you to focus on several important aspects of the Green Institute's proposal for the Phillips Biomass Plant:

- Community ownership – The community will have a direct ownership stake in the project, and will receive financial benefits from the project.

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August 21, 2007

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Dear Ms. Connell,

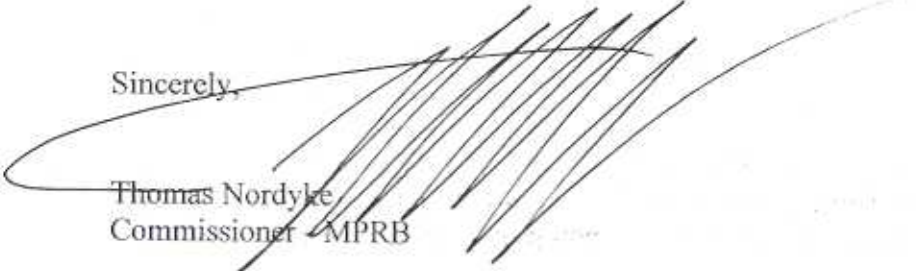
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Sincerely,


Thomas Nordyke
Commissioner MPRB