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SEN. FLEXER, REPS. RANDALL AND ROVERO CREATE PETITION TO DEMAND KILLINGLY PUBLIC HEARING

KILLINGLY – The Killingly legislative delegation of state **Senator Mae Flexer and state Representatives Christine Randall and Danny Rovero** today unveiled an online petition demanding that the Connecticut Siting Council and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) host public hearings in Killingly regarding the proposed construction of another power plant in town.

The petition can be found at: <http://senatedems.ct.gov/KillinglyEnergy>

NTE Energy of Saint Augustine, Florida wants to build and operate a 550 Megawatt natural gas-fired electric generating plant on Lake Road in Killingly, and hopes to obtain all the necessary permits by early 2017, begin construction in late 2017, and begin operation by 2020.

Before NTE Energy can do that, though, they need approval from the Connecticut Siting Council, and they need several other permits from DEEP.

“If this facility is approved, it will be the fourth such power plant in a 12-mile radius of Killingly. I’m beginning to wonder if power companies aren’t taking advantage of the beautiful open space and the kind nature of the citizens in the Quiet Corner,” said **Sen. Flexer**, whose 29th State Senate District encompasses eight northeastern Connecticut towns. “Regardless of one’s position on the need for yet another power plant in the area, it is incumbent on the Siting Council and DEEP to hold their public hearings on NTE’s application right here in Killingly. The decision-makers need to hear from the people in their own backyards about any positive or negative effects this project might have on quality of life in the region. That’s a little hard to do sitting in a stuffy room in Hartford or New Britain.”

“It is imperative that the Siting Council and DEEP hold public hearings on NTE’s power plant proposal in Killingly,” **Rep. Rovero** said. “Residents of the town and surrounding area should have the opportunity to weigh the merits of yet another power plant. They should be given the chance to get the details of the proposal and ask questions of the developer.”

“It is very important that the residents of Killingly and surrounding areas are able to have their voices heard regarding the NTE energy plant proposal,” **Rep. Randall** said. “The residents of Northeastern Connecticut have valid concerns about this project and should have every opportunity to share concerns those directly with the Siting Council. To hold a hearing in any location other than Killingly would be an injustice.”

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