

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CLOSURE OF THE
PSEG BERGEN GENERATING STATION IN
RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, it was reported in an August 3, 2020, article entitled “PSEG Makes It Official: Fossil-Fuel Power Plants Are on the Way Out” in the online publication NJSPOTLIGHT.COM (<https://www.njspotlight.com/2020/08/pseg-makes-it-official-fossil-fuel-power-plants-are-on-the-way-out/>) that PSEG is looking to sell its fleet of fossil-fuel plants, which includes the natural gas infrastructure facility known as the PSEG Bergen Generating Station, Victoria Terrace, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657 (“PSEG Bergen Generating Station”); and

WHEREAS, the municipality and Borough council of the Borough of Ridgefield (“Ridgefield”) have taken a strong stance against gas fired and fossil-fuel facilities through previous resolutions opposing other gas fired and fossil-fuel facilities in the area, even though said facilities were designed to run cleaner with new technology; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2018, Ridgefield, through Resolution No. 197-2018, identified multiple statistics and studies regarding the hazards of fossil-fuel power plants and which specifically “strongly oppose[d] construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating power plant”; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield in Resolution No. 197-2018 previously identified the PSEG Bergen Generating Station as “one of the larges [sic] sources of air pollution in New Jersey and which already produces over 2 million metric tons of CO2 annually”; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the PSEG Bergen Generating Station to a different operator/entity will permit the continued operation of that natural gas infrastructure facility despite Ridgefield’s strong stance against gas fired and fossil-fuel facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents, businesses, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the contemplated sale of the PSEG Bergen Generating Station presents the opportunity for the Mayor and Council of Ridgefield to pursue the closure of the PSEG Bergen Generating Station to benefit its residents and citizens in the surrounding area, including North Bergen residents; and

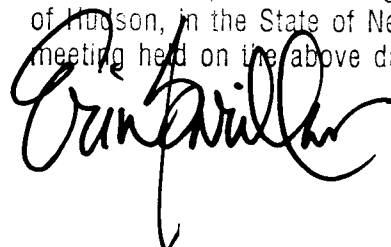
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Township of North Bergen strongly encourages Mayor Anthony Suarez and the Council of Ridgefield to pursue the closure of the PSEG Bergen Generating Station and transition the property to a cleaner, more environmentally friendly use that would better serve its residents and citizens in the surrounding area.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mayor Anthony Suarez, environmental protection organizations, and interested communities.

Date: September 23, 2020

	YES	NO	NOT VOTING
Cabrera	✓		
Marengo	✓		
Gargiulo	✓		
Pascual	✓		
Sacco	✓		
(President)			

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a True and Correct copy of Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Bergen in the County of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the above date.


Township Clerk