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Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. PF05-4000

Dear Ms. Salas,

My name is Mark Baltieri, I am a life long resident and home owner on Long Island. I have an honorable discharge from the USMC and am a retiree of the NYPD. I hear from friends and family everyday who are struggling to pay their gas, electric and oil bills, as mild as this winter has been, we have all seen our energy bills skyrocket with no clear answer or relief from any of the major utility companies.

As a Suffolk County Resident, I already pay high property taxes, the ever increasing cost of living here in Suffolk has driven me and others close to me to consider moving out of state, some have actually made good on the idea and are new home owners in Virginia, Philadelphia, Florida and the Carolina's.

I would like you to look beyond the NIMBY-ism that a lot of Long Islanders suffer from as they continue to build these massive homes and blast their air conditioners in the summer. These people are the minority, but they are also the loudest and might I also add well funded. They can live with the high costs, it makes no major impact on their finances.

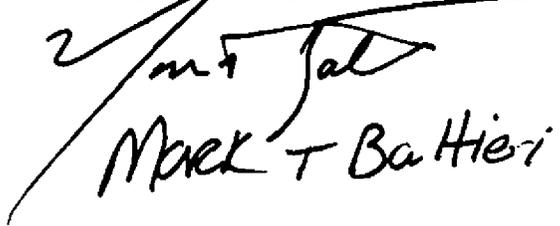
Please allow me however to speak for those without a voice, the ones that have been beaten down by the economy the ones that think that their voice doesn't matter. These are the people on fixed incomes, who have to weigh whether to pay their energy bills or buy food. These are the people when you go to their homes everyone is bundled up in thick clothing and warm jackets afraid to turn the thermostat up past 62 degrees, everyone huddled into the one area of the house that is the warmest.

The NIMBY folks also don't want low income housing for the elderly or the working class, the very people that helped to make Long Island the desirable place that it is to live-in.

Bottom-line is that additional energy supplies have to come from somewhere, and the Broadwater Energy project seems to be the best solution since natural gas is abundant, cleaner and more environmentally friendly than other options I have read about.

I know that your regulatory body plus the US Coast Guard have a huge responsibility to bear but I trust that you will make the right decision, the head of Broadwater has stated many times himself that you would not approve it if it is not safe. So I would like to request that the FERC give this project the fair review that it deserves.

Thank you,


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