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Via regular mail

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Commissioner Christopher O. Ward
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Boulevard
Corona, New York 11368

Re: Case 01-F-1276- TransGas Energy Systems LLC ("TGE") – 1100 MW Generating Facility, Brooklyn New York .

Dear Commissioner Ward:

We are writing to follow-up on your recent meeting with TransGas Energy Systems, LLC ("TGE") at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. We understand that your meeting concerned TGE's plans to construct a 1,100-megawatt power plant on the East River Brooklyn waterfront. The Greenpoint /Williamsburg Waterfront Task Force ("Task Force") would like to have a similar opportunity to meet with you regarding the proposed power plant.

The Pace Energy Project represents the Task Force in this case. The Task Force is a coalition consisting of Brooklyn Community Board One and over seventy local religious institutions, community organizations and advocacy groups vehemently opposed to the proposed TGE power plant. The Task Force's opposition is based upon the significant negative environmental impact that the proposed plant will have on the neighborhood's health, recreation, character, as well as the negative visual and aesthetics connotations. Further, the proposal will inevitably stymie the waterfront revitalization of North Brooklyn, open space opportunities, waterfront residential development and plans for the 2012 Summery Olympic Games.

The Department of Environmental Protection has a long history of commitment to reclaiming the North Brooklyn waterfront. Those efforts have included studies to remove the sludge barge from the Greenpoint Lumber Exchange, creating a nature walk on the Newtown Creek and supporting the passage of the local 197-a Plans. As a good

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neighbor, we hope that you will continue to work with the community and meet with us at your earliest convenience so we can discuss with you why the TGE project is in the interest of neither the community, DEP or the City of New York.

We look forward to speaking with you soon.

Very truly yours,

Victor Tafur

cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg
Deputy Mayor Daniel Doctoroff
Chairperson Amanda Burden
City Council Speaker Gifford Miller
City Councilman David Yassky
City Councilwoman Diana Renya
Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz
Brooklyn Community Board One