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September 6, 2011

Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary Department of Public Service 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223 ZULI SEP -3 FII 2: 54

Re: Case 03-E-0188 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding Retail Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Dear Ms. Brilling:

Enclosed is a communication that I received from my constituent, Vivian Lapp of 64-A South Lane, North Tonawanda, New York 14120.

Ms. Lapp has shared with me her opposition to Covanta Energy's petition to include garbage incineration in New York's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. I am forwarding a copy of her correspondence to you so that it will be included as part of the public comment on this case.

Thanking you for your assistance on this matter, I remain

RS:tww

Enclosure

Sincerely yours,

Robin Schimminger

## Robin Schimminger

From:

Environment New York [action@environmentnewyork.org] on behalf of VIVIAN LAPP

[therealvivian@hotmail.com]

Sent:

Thursday, August 18, 2011 3:28 PM

To:

schimmr@assembly.state.nv.us

Subject:

There's nothing clean about burning trash - Case No.: O3-E-0188

Aug 18, 2011

Assemblyman Robin Schimminger Legislative Office Building, Room 847 Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman Schimminger,

I am writing to request that you deny Covanta Energy's petition to include garbage incineration (waste-to-energy) in New York's Renewable Portfolio Standard program.

New York's Renewable Portfolio Standard is designed to provide incentives to clean energy technologies that reduce our environmental impact. The Renewable Portfolio Standards limited funds should NOT support technologies that increase air pollution.

Burning municipal solid waste can release harmful emissions into the air, including volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, mercury, acid gases, and dioxins and furans. These pollutants pose serious health threats, such as brain damage in newborn infants, cancer, and cardiovascular, respiratory, and immune system damage.

Just last month, the State of Connecticut fined Covanta Energy \$400,000 and ordered one of its plants shut down after it was found to have emitted dioxin and furan levels more than 250 percent higher than allowable standards. Facilities that violate air emission standards should not be funded through ratepayer monies intended for clean energy.

I respectfully request that the Public Service Commission reject Covanta Energy's petition. Burning garbage is not a clean, renewable energy choice for New York State.

Sincerely,

VIVIAN LAPP 64a South Ln North Tonawanda, NY 14120-6322