



City of Champions

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“Fighting for Environmental Justice”

Mayor files appeal of Board’s decision on proposed power plant

BROCKTON – August 14, 2009: This afternoon, Mayor James E. Harrington, on behalf of the City of Brockton, filed a Petition with the State Supreme Judicial Court to appeal the final decision of the Energy Facilities Siting Board. That decision, which was issued on August 7, 2009, approved Brockton Power Company’s plan to construct a gas/diesel fired 350 MW power plant in Brockton, but preserved the City’s right to local zoning and planning review.

“When I stated that I was prepared to fight this fight, I was not just giving lip service to the residents of the City of Brockton, said Mayor James E. Harrington. “In these difficult economic times, when resources are limited, it is a true commitment to the well-being of my residents that has prompted me to take on this fight, a fight that we can not afford to lose at any cost; safeguarding the health and safety of my fellow Brocktonians is not for sale at any price”.

The filing of this appeal is the latest step in the Mayor’s double-barreled attack on the Power Company. At a Special Meeting of the Brockton City Council on Monday, Mayor Harrington asked the Council to file a Home Rule Petition with the state Legislature seeking authority to ban the power plant in Brockton.

The Petition of Appeal asks the court to vacate and set aside the Final Decision of the Siting Board and to deny the Power Company’s bid to construct the power plant, or, alternatively, remand the matter to the Siting Board for further proceedings. The City states several legal grounds for its appeal, including the Siting Board’s refusal to give due consideration to the principles of environmental justice.

Within ten days of filing the petition, the City’s appeal will be entered in the State Supreme Judicial Court.

For questions and/or further information with regards to this release, please contact the Mayor’s Office at (508)-580-7123. You can also obtain additional information by visiting the City of Brockton’s Web site at: www.brockton.ma.us

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