

At our Town Hall Meeting on November 28, 2001, members of the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities asked us a number of questions about our proposed project. Below is a preliminary list of some of those questions and TGE's responses. A more comprehensive summary of questions, comments and responses follows this list.

**1. Q. Will you study PM 2.5?**

**A.** Yes, TGE's air application will include a PM-2.5 study.

**2. Q. Will there be any chemicals stored on the site?**

**A.** There will be some chemicals stored on the site, including water treatment chemicals, lube oil for turbines and other machinery, and backup #2 fuel oil. Chemical storage, as well as oil storage will comply with federal, state and city fire code requirements.

**3. Q. When will you switch to #2 fuel oil? Will you switch to #2 oil at night? How many tons of fuel oil does TGE estimate will be used per year?**

**A.** TGE's proposed facility will run primarily on natural gas and will only use #2 fuel oil as a backup fuel, for instance during the coldest winter days when natural gas supplies are curtailed or when required by the New York Independent System Operator Rules for reliability reasons. TGE will not switch to fuel oil during regular nighttime operation. TGE is considering taking an hours-per-year limit on a rolling 12-month basis. The limit selected will be proposed in both the air permit application and the Article X application.

**4. Q. Will you be presenting an alternative site in the Application?**

**A.** No. Article X and its regulations do not require a private applicant to evaluate an alternative site unless it owns or has an option to a parcel of land that could serve as a reasonable and available alternative to the proposed site. A private applicant is one that lacks the power of eminent domain. TGE, unlike a traditional electric utility, lacks such condemnation authority. TGE has no legal interest in such a parcel of land other than the proposed site.

**5. Q. Will TGE pay the cost of site remediation for One North 12th St.?**

**A.** Without waiving any legal rights TGE may have against other responsible parties for reimbursement, contribution, indemnification, etc., TGE will pay the cost of remediating the existing contamination at the site.

**6. Q. Will TGE be at the site full time?**

**A.** There will be one or more TGE representatives at the site for certain hours each week. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 11AM ? 1PM. Regardless of the hours, an appointment to meet at the site office can be made by calling one of the TGE telephone numbers or by filling out the comment form on TGE's website.

**7. Q. Will the Applicant distribute studies as they are conducted before the Application is filed?**

**A.** At the Town Hall Meeting, TGE noticed what seems to be a misunderstanding of the Article X process. Except for the commitment TGE made at the Town Hall Meeting to make an earlier distribution of the final version of the contamination and remediation study, TGE will include all the studies in its application. Section 164.1(c) of Article X requires the Application to include the studies and there is no requirement to distribute them earlier. Filing the Application starts the review process of the results of the studies. Inclusion of a study in the Application does not mean the Board or any other permit-issuing agency has approved the study results, any certificate or any permit.

**8. Q. Will TGE abandon its proposed project if the community opposes it?**

**A.** We will work with the community to answer their legitimate and reasonable inquiries. To the extent the community accepts our invitation to enter discussions, we will work to establish funding for worthwhile local projects either through the Community Benefit Trust program we propose to establish, or through the New York City Industrial Commercial Incentive Program, to be administered by the NYC Economic Development Corporation.

However, TGE will not abandon its proposed project if vocal segments of the community oppose it. The site is an excellent location to provide benefits to Brooklyn and New York City. The project can lower electric and steam costs, improve electric reliability and security, and clean up a heavily contaminated site.

**TRANSGAS ENERGY SYSTEMS LLC (“TGE”)  
TOWN HALL MEETING  
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**SUMMARY OF TGE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

*Note: Representative questions and comments are presented. Not every question or comment and answer is restated.*

**POLLUTION OVERBURDEN**

**GENERAL CONCERNS**

QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT A POWER PLANT MAY HAVE. SOME SPEAKERS VOICED THEIR CONCERN THAT THIS COMMUNITY WAS ALREADY OVER BURDENED BY POWER FACILITIES AND OTHER HEAVY INDUSTRY SITES.

**REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES / QUESTIONS**

1. “WE WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY BOARD ONE, THE RESIDENTS OF GREENPOINT, WILLIAMSBURG, NORTH SIDE, SOUTH SIDE THAT WE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED”.
2. “WE ARE A LIVING COMMUNITY AND WE DON’T NEED A POWER PLANT TO POISON OUR AIR ANY MORE THAN IT IS ALREADY”.
3. “YOU KNOW WE ARE ALREADY HEAVILY SATURATED WITH SEVERAL TOXIC CARRIERS. I MEAN, FROM WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS TO OTHER POWER PLANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.”

**RESPONSE:**

TGE is committed to constructing a facility that will be among the most environmentally controlled power plants in the New York Metropolitan Area. Applicable law assures that the plant’s incremental impact will be insignificant. TGE is committed to adhering to applicable health and environmental regulations, including those issued by NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## **CONCERN: EMISSIONS**

QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THE ISSUE OF EMISSIONS AND AIR QUALITY AND WHAT WAS BEING DONE TO MEASURE THEM.

### **REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES / QUESTIONS**

1. “TGE’S PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD BE A MAJOR SOURCE FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO EVALUATE AIR QUALITY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SOURCES OTHER THAN COMBUSTION SOURCES, INCLUDING THE DISCHARGE OF AMMONIA FROM STORAGE TANK LOADING AND UNLOADING OPERATIONS”?

### **RESPONSE:**

The plant will use on an ammonia-on-demand system (a urea system), which does not involve storage tank loading or unloading. No ammonia is stored in a tank with this process, and no trucks carrying ammonia to the site are necessary.

1. “TGE PROPOSES TO USE NATURAL GAS AND ASSERTS THAT IT WILL USE OIL AS A BACKUP FUEL. THE TOTAL EMISSION OF POLLUTANTS AND THEIR AIR QUALITY IMPACTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO FUELS THAT WILL BE USED AT THE PROPOSED FACILITY. THE COMBUSTION OF OIL PRODUCES GREATER TOTAL POLLUTANTS THAN NATURAL GAS. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT EMISSIONS FROM THE PLANT”.

### **RESPONSE:**

Emission of most pollutants will be greater during oil firing, but air concentrations during oil firing will meet applicable health standards.

2. “MEMBERS OF GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY HAVE RAISED SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE EMISSION AND IMPACT OF FINE PARTICLES, ESPECIALLY PM 2.5. IN A RECENT CASE INVOLVING THE AMMONIA POWER PLANT IN THE STATE, THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS RECENTLY ORDERED THE STATE TO CONTROL SOOT PARTICLES AS SMALL AS 2.5 MICRONS. WILL YOU PUBLICLY COMMIT TO A STUDY OF PM 2.5”.

### **RESPONSE:**

Yes. The Article X application will contain an evaluation of PM 2.5 based upon publicly available and reliable data sources. The study will follow recent Siting Board decisions.

It will include, among other things, sources of PM2.5, chemical composition, normal and expected concentrations of PM2.5 in the areas surrounding the facility, how the contribution of one source might likely affect those concentrations, and practicable control and mitigation strategies.

1. “IF YOU FIND IN YOUR STUDY THAT THE POWER PLANT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG 197-A PLANS, WILL YOU RECOMMEND TO THE SITTING BOARD TO OVER RIDE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS SO YOU CAN GO AHEAD WITH YOUR POWER PLANT?”

**RESPONSE:**

- If those plans are applicable local requirements that are binding upon TGE as a matter of law, and the plant cannot comply with them, and they are unreasonably restrictive per PSL § 168 (2)(d), then TGE will ask the Siting Board to waive them.

**CONCERN: CHIMNEYS / SMOKE STACKS**

THERE WAS CONCERN REGARDING THE ISSUE OF SMOKE STACKS: WOULD THEY BE HIGH ENOUGH TO PROVIDE PROPER DISPERSION?; WOULD THEY BE TOO HIGH AS TO BE VISUAL EYESORES?; WOULD THEY COMPROMISE AIRLINE SAFETY?

**RESPONSE:**

The height of the stacks is governed by federal and state law. They must be high enough to provide proper dispersion to satisfy applicable health standards.. They will not compromise airline safety as FAA guidelines must also be met. Significant efforts will be made to minimize any adverse visual impacts.

**REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES / QUESTIONS**

1. “THERE ARE OTHER COGENERATION PLANTS OUT THERE. THERE ARE ESTIMATES OF HOW MUCH POLLUTION AND EMISSION ARE GOING TO COME FROM THESE STACKS AND YOU’RE NOT ANSWERING THIS QUESTION!”
2. “HOW TALL ARE YOUR STACKS GOING TO BE?”
3. “TGE PROPOSES THAT A SINGLE STACK HEIGHT BASED ON GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE AIR DISPERSION MODELING, BUT SINCE STACK HEIGHTS AFFECTS VISUAL IMPACTS AND AIRLINE SAFETY AS WELL AS POLLUTANT DISPERSION. THE GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE

HEIGHT MAY NOT BE THE OPTIMUM HEIGHT FOR THE STACK. WILL YOU RUN THE AIR DISPERSION MODELS USING ALTERNATE STACK HEIGHTS TO DETERMINE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE REGULATORY STAFF?"

**RESPONSE:**

Consistent with regulatory requirements, TGE is attempting to minimize stack heights. The model will be run with at stack heights lower than Good Engineering Practices stack height and impacts between the two will be compared.. It is not necessary to run the model with taller stack heights, because for impact assessment purposes no credit can be taken for stacks in excess of Good Engineering Practices stack height.

4. "MY QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE STEAM THAT COMES OUT OF THE CHIMNEY?"
5. How tall will the stack be and how much pollution will be emitted and fall on the community?

**RESPONSE:**

Stack exhaust temperature for a combined cycle plant is typically between 200 and 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Specific temperatures for each applicable modeling scenario will be identified in the air permit application. Pollutants depositing within the community will be documented in the air application as well. These levels are expected to be an insignificant fraction of the health-based ambient air quality standards. The standards will not be violated.

**CONCERN: NOISE POLLUTION**

1. "CAN YOU TELL US HOW MANY DECIBELS THOSE TURBINES ARE GOING TO BE OR HOW MANY DECIBELS THE NOISE LEVEL WILL BE EMITTED FROM THE PLANT"

TGE is performing noise assessments and measurements to determine the decibel levels and will design the plant to using state-of-the-art noise mitigation technology. The decibel level is will vary depending on one's distance from the plant as well as other factors. Specific decibel noise levels will be presented in the Article X application.

**STUDIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION:**

**GENERAL CONCERNS**

THERE WAS A DEMAND THAT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED. FURTHERMORE, SOME SPEAKERS WANTED IT ONE IN A TIME FRAME THAT ALLOWED THE RESULTS TO BE MADE PUBLIC PRIOR TO

## TGE'S FILING THE APPLICATION.

### **REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES AND / OR QUESTIONS**

1. "FOR THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS TO BE MEANINGFUL YOU SHOULD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS WITH DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT IT PRIOR TO YOU PUTTING IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE POWER PLANT. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO REQUIRE OF YOU".
2. "ALL I'VE HEARD TONIGHT IS THAT ON ONE HAND YOU WANT TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH THE COMMUNITY BUT YOU DO NOT WANT TO ANSWER IN A MEANINGFUL WAY ANY OF OUR QUESTIONS. SO ONCE AGAIN, I WILL ASK A QUESTION THAT I HAVE ASKED A COUPLE OF TIMES TONIGHT. WILL YOU PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY DETAILED ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS WE RAISED TONIGHT IN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE ARTICLE X PROCESS"?
3. "I AM AN ACADEMIC RESEARCHER. I BELIEVE YOU DESERVE TO PRESENT YOUR SIDE POLITICALLY, BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT YOU ARE NOT RELEASING INFORMATION, OR NOT GIVING US TIME TABLES WE NEED".

In preparing these responses to comments made at the last Town Hall meeting, and making it publicly available, TGE is addressing the issue of providing the community with detailed responses to their comments. Furthermore, TGE has posted the proposed study stipulations on the project website and provided them to the Task Force, Community Board One, and many other members of the public. As explained at the meeting, the studies will be included the application. Filing the application marks the next stage of public input: a formal review and hearing process, during which the public will have ample opportunity to review the studies, ask questions and cross-examine our witnesses who are going to be there sponsoring the studies. Through the intervenor process, the public may also call their own witnesses and present their own studies.

4. "WHY DON'T YOU COMMIT TO TAKING ALL OF THE FACTS, ALL OF THE STUDIES, ALL OF THE STIPULATIONS, INSTEAD OF JUST TAKING DATA FROM OTHER PEOPLE THAT IS 10 YEARS OLD. YOU DO THE STUDIES".

### **RESPONSE:**

TRC will be doing the studies. However, the data used in the studies will vary by discipline. Some will be data developed entirely for the application while the other data will be historical. In all cases, professional judgment will be exercised when reviewing

the data to assure that the study will produce meaningful results.

5. THE TASK FORCE IS DEMANDING THE DEVELOPER CREATE, WITH SIGNIFICANT INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKE HOLDERS, A “NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE” STUDY TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA IF THE SITING BOARD REJECTS THE PROPOSED POWER PLANT FACILITY.

**RESPONSE:**

The proposed no-action alternative analysis is provided in Draft Revised Stipulation No. 4. TGE intends to follow Siting Board precedent and applicable regulations to address the “no-action” alternative. Possible future development at the site is speculative because Bayside Oil has not announced any plans to leave if TGE is not built.

**CONCERN: LAND USE**

**GENERAL CONCERNS**

CENTRAL TO THE CATEGORY IS THE GREENPOINT/ WILLIAMSBURG 197-A PLAN AND HOW THE PROPOSED POWER PLANT FITS INTO THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER- FRONT. ANOTHER CONCERN IS RESIDENT PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED SITE.

**REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES AND / OR QUESTIONS**

1. “ BOTH GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG HAVE DEVELOPED 197-A WATERFRONT PLANS. THAT CALLS FOR A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LARGE AREA OF THE NORTH BROOKLYN WATERFRONT. THE WILLIAMSBURG 197-A PLAN PLACES A PRIORITY UPON INCREASING AFFORDABLE, LOW RISE HOUSING, AND WATERFRONT ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS”.
2. “MY QUESTION IS ABOUT COMPATIBILITY OF THE PROJECT WITH EXISTING LAND USES. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE GREENPOINT/WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITIES ARE TRANS GAS ENERGY’S INACCURATE, INCOMPLETE, AND MISLEADING EXPRESSIONS REGARDING THE COMPATIBILITY OF THE PROJECT WITH EXISTING AND PLANNED USES”.
3. “ HOW IS THIS PLANT COMPATIBLE WITH THE 197-A PLAN THAT THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE DEVELOPED OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS”?

4. “THIS IS NEW YORK STATE’S MOST VITAL AND RAPIDLY DEVELOPING WATERFRONT COMMUNITY, AND A 1100 MEGAWATT PLANT ON THE WATERFRONT CONFLICTS WITH LOCAL AND NEW YORK CITY PLANS FOR THE GREENPOINT/WILLIAMSBURG AREA. IN THAT REGARD, BOTH COMMUNITIES HAVE DEVELOPED 197-A WATERFRONT PLANS THAT CALL FOR MIXED DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LARGE AREA OF THE NORTH BROOKLYN WATERFRONT. THE WILLIAMSBURG 197-A PLAN PLACES PRIORITY ON AFFORDABLE, LOW RISE HOUSING, WATERFRONT ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. THE GREENPOINT 197- A PLAN ALSO CALLS FOR A NEW MARKET RATE HOUSING IN ORDER OF THIS SITE AT THE GREENPOINT TERMINAL SITE”.
5. “I’M SORRY, BUT I’M IN THE BUSINESS OF ARCHITECTURE AND AESTHETICS AND A 300 FEET TALL ELEPHANT, IF YOU WILL, NO MATTER HOW YOU PAINT IT, IS STILL AN ELEPHANT.”

**RESPONSE:**

The proposed plant is consistent with the current M-3 zoning for the site. The Application will also address the consistency of the Project with the recommendations in any approved 197-a plan. TGE believes that modern power plants, such as the one proposed for this site, can be safely and aesthetically compatible with recreational and other uses along the waterfront. TGE is currently working with architects and engineers to develop a design that would be not only visually inoffensive but which would improve the current industrial landscape. The design process is ongoing and TGE will continue to solicit the input of the throughout the application process.

6. “THE GREENPOINT 197-A PLAN RECOMMENDS THAT THE SITE BECOME A PUBLIC PARK AND MUSEUM, SLATING THE SITE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND LAUNCHING OF THE CIVIL WAR IRONCLAD “MONITOR”.

**RESPONSE:**

The presence of this plant would not preclude construction of the Monitor Museum. In fact, in an earlier rendering of what the proposed site could look like, TGE included a conceptual rendering of a museum if the current or future owner of the adjacent property was willing to creating a museum.

**CONCERN: RESIDENT PROXIMITY TO PROPOSED SITE**

1. “IN YOUR SCOPING STATEMENT YOU INACCURATELY STATE THAT THE SITE, AND I QUOTE, IS IN A PORTION OF THE WATERFRONT THAT IS AS DISTANT FROM PRIMARILY

RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS OF BOTH GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG AS THE EAST RIVER WATERFRONT ALLOWS, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET IN ALL DIRECTIONS...END OF QUOTE. JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT YOUR PEOPLE APPARENTLY MISSED, PEOPLE NOW LIVE IN BUILDINGS AS CLOSE AS 30 FEET FROM THE SITE, LITERALLY ACROSS THE STREET, ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 13TH ST. ANOTHER BUILDING IS 350 FEET FROM THE SITE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH 11TH ST. GIVEN THESE FACTS, HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY SAY THERE ARE NO RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE SITE”?

**RESPONSE:**

TRC stands by the statement. The statement says “primarily residential blocks.” The properties noted are not on “primarily residential blocks.”

**SECURITY & EVACUATION:**

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**GENERAL CONCERNS**

**CONCERNS INCLUDED THE VULNERABILITY OF POWER PLANTS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE TERRORIST ATTACKS AND EVACUATION PLANS IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.**

**REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES AND/ OR QUESTIONS**

1. THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG PLANT. IT COULD BE A POTENTIAL TERRORISM SITE.
2. WITH ALL THIS TALK ABOUT TERRORISM GOING ON, IS THERE GOING TO BE ANY SECURITY AT ALL AROUND THIS PLANT?
3. AFTER NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT REGULAR POWER PLANTS AS A SECURITY ISSUE FOR TERRORISM. GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF STORAGE YOU ARE PLANNING ON HAVING AT THIS PLANT IN THE BARGE, AS YOU ARE SAYING IS GOING TO A MILLION GALLONS OF OIL AT A TIME, YOU’RE GOING TO HAVE TO FILE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY, WHICH IS GOING TO REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE A 10 MILE EVACUATION PLAN.... HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS?
4. TGE HAS OFFERED WATERFRONT ACCESS AS PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL. CONSIDERING THE SPACE LIMITATIONS, HOW CAN

YOU OFFER WATERFRONT ACCESS WHILE STILL ADDRESSING THE PLANT'S SECURITY NEEDS?

5. I WANT TO KNOW, DON'T YOU THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE STUDY OF SECURITY CONCERNS AT THE PLANT? DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN? HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO INCLUDE THE GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY IN FORMING YOUR SECURITY AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS?
6. "THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN OF NEW YORK CITY IS GOING TO BE TOTALLY REVAMPED BECAUSE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, AND THE LAWS WE ALREADY HAVE ON THE BOOKS WILL FINALLY BE ENACTED, WHICH WILL REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE A 10 MILE EVACUATION PLAN WHICH STEMS FROM YOUR SITE ALL THE WAY TO NEW JERSEY" .
7. "WE DEMAND AN EVACUATION PLAN OFFERED UP TO THIS COMMUNITY WELL BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION IS STARTED. WE ARE AN ACCIDENT AWAY FROM A DISASTER. AND AN ACCIDENT CAN BE ANYTHING FROM AN AMMONIA SPILL OR AN AIRPLANE FLYING INTO THE PLANT".

**RESPONSE:**

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The plant will not be constructed without having emergency response plans in place. TGE believes that of the threat of terrorism should not prevent economic development and growth. Since Sept 11 all businesses have had to re-evaluate security issues and evacuation procedures. Any facility can be subject to a potential terrorist threat, and power plants are no exception. It will be at least 4 years before the plant could be operational. During this time, the vulnerabilities will be scrutinized and appropriate plans of action put into place. TGE will comply with all federal and state applicable requirements for emergency response and safety plans. Safety plans for on-site storage of oil and chemicals will also be presented in the Application.

**CONCERN: CONSTRUCTION**

**GENERAL CONCERNS**

THE QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THE EXTENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION, THE LENGTH OF TIME, AND ULTIMATELY, THE DISRUPTION IT WOULD CAUSE TO THE LIVES OF NEARBY RESIDENTS.

**REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS**

1. TGE PROPOSES TO DEVELOP A VERY LARGE GENERATING FACTORY OF 1100 MEGAWATTS ON A SMALL SITE. IS 9 ACRES

LARGE ENOUGH FOR SUCH A LARGE PLANT? IS THERE ROOM FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHILE THE PLANT IS BEING BUILT?

**RESPONSE:**

Nine acres is large enough for a power plant. A final conceptual site will be presented in the Application. Analysis is currently being done on whether and where off-street parking will be offered for construction workers.

2. YOU SAY THESE LINES ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE PLANT. . MY QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE. HOW MUCH OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO TIE INTO THE GAS LINES, TO TIE INTO THE OIL LINES, TO TIE INTO THE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES? \_

**RESPONSE:**

At present, the studies identifying exact routes and length are not complete. The application will specifically identify and analyze water line, sewer line, natural gas line, and electric interconnections. Generally, such construction will be of much shorter duration than the plant's construction.

3. "WHILE WE'RE ON THE QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTION, YOU SPOKE OF THE DOCK. ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN BRING IN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BY BARGE. BUT HOW DO WE KNOW IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A LOT CHEAPER TRUCKING IT IN YOU WON'T BE RUNNING A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO SAVE YOURSELF MONEY?"

**RESPONSE:**

If we propose to bring in materials by barge, and this becomes a condition of our certification, we will comply with those conditions (even if it means incurring higher costs).

**CONCERN: WASTE WATER**

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1. HAS THE NYC DEP OR NYS DEC APPROVED YOUR USING THE EFFLUENT WATER FROM THE NEWTOWN CREEK PLANT?

**RESPONSE:**

They have not approved it. TGE is also evaluating employing water from underground wells that, to our understanding, are currently not pumped for potable water uses. In

both instances, if either option is used, the water will be treated to a standard exceeding than potable water standards.

2. “HOW MANY GALLONS OF OIL WILL A BIG BARGE HOLD? IS IT LIKE THE EXXON VALDEZ...IS IT LIKE THAT?”

A barge typically is large enough to accommodate 25,000 barrels. Each barrel contains 42 gallons. Loading and unloading facilities are required to comply not only with state-mandated procedures under DEC’s major oil storage facility program, but must also follow the Coast Guard’s manual on environmental protection and safety for loading and unloading operations.

## **CONCERN: ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

### **GENERAL CONCERNS**

THE CONCERNS WERE CENTERED AROUND THE ECONOMIC EFFECT, BE IT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, THIS PROJECT WOULD HAVE ON THE GREENPOINT AND WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITIES. SOME SPEAKERS POINTED OUT THE 197-A PLAN WHICH SUPPORTS LIGHT INDUSTRY AND IS EMBRACED BY BOTH COMMUNITIES.

### **REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES AND / OR QUESTIONS**

1. “APPARENTLY THE LIGHT MANUFACTURING USE WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE 197-A PLAN WOULD GENERATE FAR MORE JOBS THAN YOU WOULD WITH YOUR 40 EMPLOYEES. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY?”

### **RESPONSE:**

TGE is unaware of any specific proposal to purchase and redevelop the proposed site into light manufactory hosting 400 jobs. However, TGE’s proposed facility would not preclude light manufacturing on the waterfront. The proposed facility will represent a \$1billion investment in the City of New York, and therefore will have a positive economic impact on the greater community.

2. “WOULD YOU BE HIRING PEOPLE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD IF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY?”

If we are permitted to train people from the neighborhood on the plant equipment and they qualify, we will make reasonable efforts to hire them.

**CONCERN: COMMUNITY OUTREACH**  
**GENERAL CONCERNS**

CONCERNS INCLUDED TIMELY DELIVERY OF MAILERS,

PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS, AND OTHER OUTREACH METHODS EMPLOYED BY TGE

**REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES AND / OR QUESTIONS**

1. THIS ISN'T DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE -- BUT TALKING ABOUT MUTUALITY, THE COMPANY WHO IS ABOUT TO PUT THE POWER BARGE DOWN ON SOUTH 11TH ST, ARE YOU AWARE OF IT? AND TODAY, WE FOUND OUT THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN THEIR PERMIT, AND THEY DIDN'T GO AHEAD WITH A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL ANALYSIS OF IT. SO THEY SIDESTEPED THE COMMUNITY, AND WHAT'S TO SAY YOU GUYS WON'T DO THE SAME THING?
2. "LET ME JUST ASK YOU A QUESTION. I MEAN, YOU JUST ANSWERED THAT IF THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO OPPOSE THIS PLANT YOU WANT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT WE WANT, AND SIT DOWN WITH YOU AT ALL THESE LITTLE MEETINGS AND WE SAY WE DON'T WANT IT, WE DON'T WANT IT HERE, THE LAND USE IS WRONG HERE. WILL YOU JUST PACK UP YOUR BAGS AND LEAVE? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TELLING US, THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THESE LITTLE MEETINGS SO YOU ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO US? WELL, THE COMMUNITY IS TELLING YOU...WE DON'T WANT THIS! WE DON'T WANT IT TODAY, TOMORROW, OR NEXT YEAR"!!
3. PORTIONS OF A STATEMENT THAT WERE READ THE NIGHT OF NOV 28<sup>TH</sup> -- "ALLOWING TRANSGAS ENERGY TO DEFER MOST OF THEIR ANSWERS TO THE COMMUNITY'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO THE APPLICATION PHASE OF ARTICLE X IS UNACCEPTABLE AND MAKES THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM MEANINGLESS. THE OPEN HOUSE HELD ON OCT 11<sup>TH</sup> WAS A TOTAL FAILURE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AS SUCH. TGE CONTINUES TO FAIL ITS OUTREACH PROGRAM AND DISCOURAGES THE PUBLIC'S INPUT. THE TASK FORCE DEMANDS THAT ALL RESPONSES THAT ARE POSED TODAY, EITHER WRITTEN OR SPOKEN, BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY TRANSGAS ENERGY AND RESPONDED TO PROPERLY."
4. (REGARDING YIDDISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER ). "HOW CAN YOU PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER AND THE MEETING IS ALREADY

ON WEDNESDAY?”

5. MY PROBLEM IS I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAILING, AND I KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO HASN'T RECEIVED A MAILING, AND WE HAVE SOMEONE HERE FROM THE CIVIC COMMUNITY WHO ALSO RECEIVED NO MAILING. AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WITH A SHOW OF HANDS HERE, HOW MANY PEOPLE RECEIVED NO MAILING?

*RESPONSE:*

In the pre-application process, TGE has utilized a number of different avenues to inform and educate the community on our proposal and to listen and respond to the concerns of the community. As the Article X process moves forward, TGE has every intention of continuing to include the community in the process and welcome its input.

State regulations preclude applicants from “sidestepping” the community and the Article X process is designed to have the applicant make reasonable efforts to inform the public throughout the process. TGE intends to continue to follow the guidelines set forth by Article X and make sincere efforts to engage the community, as we have been doing.

TGE has performed extensive outreach in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities and has made every effort to inform and include as many community members as possible in our pre-application process. To promote our two public meetings, TGE sent over 32,000 mailers to both Greenpoint and Williamsburg residents with a special concentration of residents in the immediate area surrounding the site. TGE has placed 28 newspaper ads and 2 public notices. TGE's on-site community outreach specialist has conducted a door-to-door literature and proposal awareness campaign, a function he performs on an ongoing basis. Fliers, fact sheets and brochures have been handed out in numerous languages including Yiddish, Spanish and Polish.

TGE maintains an on-site office at 1 North 12th Street, which is staffed from 11 AM to 1 PM every day of the business week. TGE staff is available to make appointments, distribute literature and accept written comments from community members. TGE also maintains a web site ([www.TransGasEnergy.com](http://www.TransGasEnergy.com)), which has a wide range of important information available for downloading and viewing including the PSS, the revised draft stipulations and responses to community comments. Visitors are encouraged to send TGE their comments by clicking “Your Comments” on the site.

Any community members who were not reached via mail regarding our two public meetings are encouraged to call our office or visit our web site and leave your name and address. We will then add you to our mailing list.

Regarding newspaper ad placement to promote our two public meetings, TGE typically places promotional ads for public meetings in local and ethnic newspapers one to two weeks prior to the event. For the Town Hall Meeting, after a certain Yiddish-language

newspaper was unable to place a translated TGE ad in time for publication due to its own internal problems, TGE chose another Yiddish-language newspaper, The News Report, which came out early on the morning of November 28, 2001. In addition, in the days preceding the meeting, TGE's on-site canvasser heavily targeted the Yiddish community in South Williamsburg by handing out Yiddish-language invitational fliers.