

To the respected members of the Maryland Department of the Environment, 7/23/2023

The MDE has a responsibility to protect its waterways and surrounding environment. If the for-profit and deregulated company Constellation Power Generation LLC is not held accountable, or if the company is allowed to continue regular use of the Conowingo Dam without proper guidelines and regulations, this would be a direct threat to the Susquehanna River, which will threaten the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding ecological communities across the United States, eventually threatening the health of humans.

Constellation Power Generation LLC has been aware of the excess nutrient and sediment issues among the 14-mile reservoir along the Susquehanna River for years. The company continued business, continued to make a profit, with zero regard to the health of the river or their customers.

Constellation Power Generation LLC is currently being sued and/or has been sued on multiple allegations of, "convincing consumers to change electricity providers with a promise of a low fixed rate, which later changes to a much higher variable rate, with zero notification." One customer alleges the company, "failed to give notification when the fixed term of the contract is expiring (as promised) and secondly, they raised the unpublished variable rate (which kicks in as soon as the fixed rate ends) from 0.799 to .1734 cent

per kw/hr, even though the contract says the unpublished variable rate will never be more than .1500 cent per kw/hr." (Gibbs Law Group LLC).

Constellation Power Generation LLC have not only used the Conowingo Dam disrespectfully, with again, zero regard for the Susquehanna River, members of the Chesapeake Bay, and the MDE, they have also been lying and finessing their customers on numerous accounts.

Imagine a restaurant and bar company leases a run-down, filthy building, covered in trash. Imagine this company starts running their business, without cleaning any of the mess. They make loads of money, their pockets get deep quick, since they didn't have to spend any money on renovations, and since they didn't worry about following the health code regulations. They get greedy, they start ripping off their company's trusted local customers. Then, when the health department comes and sees the unhealthy conditions of which the restaurant is conducting business from the restaurant company sues the health department because the mess was there when they began the lease. Clearly, and hopefully, this wouldn't happen. But if you've successfully followed the analogy, you have hopefully recognized the MDE in this scenario is the health department, or vice versa.

The MDE has a responsibility to protect its waters, as which it has already failed to do since

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Constellation Power Generation LLC continues conducting business with zero regard to the Dam, the Susquehanna River, and the Chesapeake Bay, generating power under a temporary extension of its expired license.

Constellation Power Generation LLC must be held accountable, and their license to use the dam should only be continued if the company adheres to strict guidelines and regulations, of which the waterway/waterkeeper groups find acceptable.

The abrupt decision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue a new license for the Conowingo Dam with no other conditions is certainly unsettling, suspicious, and should be investigated.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

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