

Dear Public Utility Commission Members,

I am writing to comment on the proposal to use heat from the McNeil plant to create a heating system for some buildings in Burlington.

Burlington needs to develop a plan to decommission the McNeil Plant and develop an alternative approach to providing electricity. Burning wood for electricity does not make sense in terms of emissions from the process or in terms of destroying trees that we need to absorb carbon. It will take some time to come up with renewable alternatives to McNeil which is why the decision must be made now and the planning must begin. Burlington cannot claim it has a plan to be a "net zero" city as long as the McNeil plant provides its electricity. The concept of expanding the McNeil plant's reach to heat large buildings in Burlington only worsens the problem since once that is done there will be even less motivation to shut down the plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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