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**From:** "Andy Jones" <ajones@wcms-inc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/2009 2:43 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in SUPPORT of Plant Washington. As a project manager/estimator with 15 years experience in the construction industry I know that Plant Washington will have a tremendous boost to the economic growth of Washington County before, during and after the initial construction phase. I welcome Power 4 Georgians and Plant Washington to Sandersville and Washington County because not only for the jobs and economic growth that it brings, but for the future electrical needs of Georgia.

I have attended every EPD meeting and several more concerning Plant Washington and feel safe in saying that everything that has been required of Power 4 Georgian has been exceeded in their plant air quality, water management and waste management models. I also feel that with the information presented by all parties that Plant Washington will be the cleanest, safest and best built coal fired power plant built in the country.

I would also like to say THANK YOU! for all that you have done to help bring Plant Washington to Washington County and making it the BEST, SAFEST Coal fired Power Plant that it will be!

Thank you

Andy Jones

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**From:** Ben Salter <Ben.Salter@burgesspigment.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 1:52 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Dear Sirs,

While the environmentalist have been very vocal in opposition to Plant Washington I feel that they are speaking to an agenda that has nothing to do with Washington Co. Washington County needs this plant! We have 2 coal plants to the west of us that have operated for years without obviously harming the environment. Operating with the proper emission & environmental controls should definitely be in the forefront of considering our county for construction of this power plant but neither can we just sit by and miss opportunities for jobs and revenue that will just go somewhere else if we don't take advantage of those situations. Please strongly consider allowing Plant Washington to built in Washington County, Georgia for the future of the residents of Washington County, as well as, the future power needs of all Georgians.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Benjie Tarbutton <brtarbutton@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 10:03 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I am a resident of Washington County and I wholeheartedly support Plant Washington. It will help meet our State's growing needs for dependable, non-intermittant power and will be the largest single economic development effort in our County's history in terms of invested capital. We are also excited about the permanent and construction phase jobs Plant Washington will bring as well as the incredible increase in our local tax base. Plant Washington will give our County the ability to undertake many initiatives to improve the quality of life of Washington Countians, and for that we are grateful. Additionally, based on the science that has been provided and reviewed by EPD, it is evident that Plant Washington will be a safe and clean facility that will not overly impact our air or water resources. It is a win-win for our community and the State on so many levels. I sincerely hope that EPD will grant final permits for Plant Washington as soon as practicable.

I would also like to thank EPD for the department's professionalism in connection with the hearings in Washington County concerning Plant Washington. The department and its staff deserve the State's appreciation for your dedicated service on behalf of the citizens of Georgia. We have a lot to be thankful for as Georgians, and a totally professional, science based EPD is certainly one of them. The department has a great deal to be proud of and I have a new appreciation for the work you do and the quality of the people who call EPD home. Thanks for your hard work.

I also want to thank Power4Georgians - they have gone out of there way to inform our community about the need for Plant Washington given our State's coming electricity demands and to discuss honestly what Plant Washington will mean for our community. At every step in what has been a long process, representatives from Power4Georgians have been gracious with their time and willingness to discuss Plant Washington, its development, the science behind the environmental controls and the plant's potential economic impact. To my knowledge, they have never turned away from an opportunity to engage our community and fully inform our community, and for that they deserve our thanks. They will make a very good community partner.

We look forward to Plant Washington's construction and completion and the many benefits it will bring to our community over the ensuing years.

Thank you for allowing me to submit these comments for the record.

Benjamin R. Tarbutton  
Sandersville, Georgia

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**From:** "Brenda Durden" <dlc\_inc@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/2009 8:03 AM

To whom it concerns:

Thanks for a very informative meeting in Washington CO .on Plant Washington and coal plants -Oct .6-09

My husband and I are a small business in the CO -we are looking forward to your coming-

#1- We need you

#2- the ones fighting you, half have plenty the other half don't live here and could really care less-

My husband was in the kaolin field for over 25 yrs.

Was in first down size for lmerys 15 years ago.

We after 3 months of him driving a chalk truck and much prayer-opened our business.

Durden Landscaping and Const.Inc.

We supply holding tanks,portable restroom -install and repair septic tanks,

we know how business fill -the mom and pops don't get any help from Washington,DC.

again we welcome you here and appreciate the ones helping you come to Washington CO.

Just let me say Thanks for wanting to be apart of our community and I will continue to pray nothing blocks your coming.

Thanks,

The Durden's

For I know whom I have believed,and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 1:12

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**From:** "Charles Lee" <charleslee388@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/19/2009 12:15 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington Endorsement

Please consider this as my wholehearted endorsement of the construction of Plant Washington as proposed by Power4Georgians. I have lived in Washington County since 1965, except for my 4-year stint at college, and I am in full agreement with the proposal to build this plant because of the much needed benefits that will accrue to Washington County and surrounding areas of our state. While we for years were able to enjoy the benefits of a thriving kaolin industry in our county, that industry faces some rather significant current and long-term challenges that certainly need to be offset if our community is to remain viable. Plant Washington, while offering 128 budgeted full-time jobs when it begins operation, will additionally offer numerous opportunities during the construction phase of its existence, and there will be many opportunities for permanent jobs for our citizens in ancillary and support businesses and industries once the plant is up and functioning. This, along with the expanded tax base brought on by construction of the plant, will only serve to regain and hopefully surpass some of the economic losses we have experienced in recent years and put our area back onto a positive track where economic benefit and development are concerned.

In another regard, I applaud the EPD for its diligent effort in the permitting phase associated with Plant Washington. You have seemingly given every productive effort toward seeing to it that Plant Washington is the safest and cleanest coal-fired generating plant built, and having been privileged to witness some of the modeling and re-modeling efforts Power4Georgians have generated and analyzed in attempting to effectively comply with concerns generated over the plant, I am confident that your issuance of a final permit for construction of this plant will accurately assure our citizens that this plant is worthy of being built.

We respectfully ask that, as you move forward toward consideration of issuance of the final permit for Plant Washington, you consider the support you are receiving from citizens like myself who see Plant Washington as a very positive thing for this community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Lee

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Sandersville, GA 31082

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**From:** Chris Biggers <chris\_biggers@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/2009 8:36 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

As a citizen of nearby Jefferson County I would like to convey my support for the permitting and building of Plant Washington in Washington County. Georgia is a growing state that will require more energy and the construction of Plant Washington will help meet those growing needs.

I attended the public meeting this past Tuesday the 6th and am confident Plant Washington will be safe for the environment and good for Georgia. Please enter my support for this very important project.

Thank you,

Chris Biggers  
Bartow, GA

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**From:** Chuck Adams <cadams@bdindustrial.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/20/2009 5:11 PM  
**Subject:** Plant washington comments

My, name is Charles Adams Jr. I am a citizen of Washington county. I reside approx 4 miles (as the crow flies) from the proposed site of Plant Washington. I support the building of this facility, which will benefit our local EMC as well as our community in general. JOBS!

Charles Adams Jr

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**From:** "Danny Brown" <dbrown@agrowstar.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 12:38 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To Whom it may Concern:

I am for plant Washington, I believe in the EPD and EPA and if they say its safe, I'm with you. Its good for the community, put me down in favor of the plant.

Danny Brown

772 Laurel Dr.

Sandersville, Ga. 31082



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**From:** "David Everett" <deverett@sandersvillera railroad.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/2009 3:33 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To whom it may concern

I approve of the construction of Plant Washington. I feel that the construction of this Plant will not only produce jobs for this facility, but it would possibly bring more businesses to the Washington County area to help revive this community. I hope that all permits will be approved to help construct this plant, and bring something to this community for the younger generation.

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**From:** Elizabeth Horne Pryor <ehpryor@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 10:12 AM  
**Subject:** support for Plant Washington

I support Plant Washington and the Power Four Georgians Group. Please do not let a small group of very vocal "outsiders" keep these very necessary jobs from Washington County. Plant Washington is necessary for the survival of the citizens of Washington County. If these opponents feel so strongly, let them move here and make a change from within!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Horne Pryor  
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Tennille, GA

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**From:** Greg Phillips <gop711@gmail.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/13/2009 6:45 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Dr. Couch,

I am writing this note to let you know I am in total support of the Coal Power Plant here in Washington County.

Unlike many of the other supporters of the plant, I am not a lifelong resident of the county. I came to Washington County as a County Agent in 1973, at a time when farming was declining. I went to work with a Kaolin company in 1992 and in a few years the Kaolin Industry was and is declining. The county has and will continue to change in the years to come.

In order for Washington County to grow and prosper, we have to attract new businesses. Businesses looking to relocate are looking at the schools, the hospital, the work force, roads and the energy they need that can be supplied at a good price.

Washington County has just opened a new elementary school. A few years ago we completed a new middle school and this year we just passed the 1% sales tax to increase the size of the high school. We also have a private school that is doing a great job. The hospital is doing something that many small hospitals are not; they were actually in the black last quarter as a result of a very good administrator. Since Sandersville Technical College opened several years ago in the county, our work force has the opportunity to be the best trained in the state. Sandersville is located almost in the middle of the new Fall Line Expressway. With the building of Plant Washington we would have all the pieces in place to grow and prosper here and in surrounding counties.

I find it hard to believe that the plant would harm the environment here in the county as many of the critics have claimed. I just do not believe that the various state and federal agencies would allow that to happen, especially with all of the onsite inspections coal plants have.

I firmly believe that the plant would be a major benefit not only to Washington County but to the surrounding counties and state.

Thank you

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**From:** Hovey Smith <hoveysmith@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 4:24 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washintgon

Dear Sirs:

I am a lifelong resident of Washington County and live four miles from the proposed Plant Washington. I am writing this letter in support of the plant..

As a Professional Geologist (no. 0622) legally registered in the state, I have done a considerable investigation into the groundwater and surface waters that will be impacted by the plant. I find that the water resources are adequate to support the plant, but am concerned about the potential out-flow from the plant site from 500-year flood events which will discharge into Williamson Swamp Creek.

If the ash and gypsum produced by the plant is indeed utilized off site, as it is reputed to be going to be, this would be a much lesser problem than if stockpiled on site. With this single reservation and the desire that anyone whose lands are impacted by the placement of the plant or the associated railroads be made whole and well compensated, I will continue to support the plant.

Sincerely,

Wm. Hovey Smith

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**From:** "Jeffery Smith" <jsmith@sandersville.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

My name is Jeffery Smith and I am writing to you as a life long resident of Washington County, a local business owner in Sandersville and the Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Sandersville. I want to be on record in SUPPORT of Plant Washington. I want to thank the EPD for the professional handling of this. I feel that everyone's opinion is valuable and deserves to be heard. I also thank those in opposition to the project for fully making the public aware of environmental concerns. We should all be thankful, regardless of our opinion, that our state and country can peacefully have this dialog. I feel that some concerns raised by the opposition have merit but I must say that I am greatly disturbed by their intentional attempt to persuade the public with what I consider nothing more than "SCARE TACTICS". I will not enter into a full dialog of reasons for my support as I have stated some of those in a previous hearing as well as mailed them to Dr. Couch. For the good of this state and region this project must be allowed to proceed with the expectation that future technology will be used address the environmental concerns which I feel have been blown out of proportion. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion via email. I was unable to attend the last public meeting on October 20th. Sincerely, Jeffery T. Smith

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**From:** Jennifer Ahrens <jahrens@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 10:31 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To whom it may concern:

Our community is in support of this new power venture in Washington County. Now more than ever, Georgians need access to more affordable power, and the jobs created by this new plant will be most welcomed.

Thank you,

Jennifer D. Ahrens  
Sandersville, GA 31082  
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**From:** "Jeremy C. Andrews" <JCAAndrews@imerys.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 4:23 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

As a lifelong resident of Washington County, I want to express my support for construction of Plant Washington. I am an avid outdoorsman but am convinced that the new technology will effectively reduce emissions compared to other plants. I support alternative energy but we need affordable power. I work for a large international company and I understand that alternative energy should be a part of long term strategy. However, the current economic climate necessitates cost/benefit consideration when making major capital decisions.

Washington County has been hit especially hard in the current economic downturn. The kaolin industry has traditionally been a stable employer for many residents. The decline in the paper industry has significantly impacted demand for kaolin. The county needs the tax base of the power plant to offset the losses in the kaolin industry and other local industries. The residents of Washington County have been beneficiaries of good local government and have high expectations concerning education, roads, etc. We will need new tax revenue to offer these services in the future. Construction phase would boost the local economy in short term but the >100 permanent jobs will help sustain quality jobs for our county.

I have met the leadership of Power for Georgians and am convinced that they will do what is required to have a safe and environmentally sound plant. The data from groundwater and waste treatment projections point to no detrimental impact on environment. I am convinced the benefits outweigh the risks for the construction of Plant Washington.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Andrews  
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Sandersville, GA 31082

**From:** <jmilam@uga.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/21/2009 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To Whom It May Concern:

I attended the public meeting in Sandersville, Georgia on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. I registered to speak. However, at 8:35pm I had to leave the meeting (I was under the impression it would be over at 8:00pm). My name had never been called at that point. Unfortunately, there were probably on four individuals that were supporting Plant Washington that were allowed to speak.

I fully support Plant Washington.

I was born and raised on a farm in Washington County. My father still farms that land. At a young age I learned to love and respect the land, water, wildlife and all the wonderful natural resources of our country. I am also passionate about living a healthy lifestyle. In my career, my time is spent working with others on issues related to their health and how they can control their own well being and manage chronic disease.

I have heard and read much regarding both the pros and cons related to the operation of Plant Washington. I am confident that Plant Washington's state-of-the-art emissions control technologies will provide maximum protection for the environment and for the health of our county and state.

I whole-heartedly support your approval of the permits required to allow Plant Washington to begin generating electricity from which we will all benefit in terms of much needed jobs and it will generate essential tax revenues that will benefit us all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joann L. Milam

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**From:** "John Grosshans" <jgrosshans@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 2:01 PM  
**Subject:** plant washington

I would like all to know that I support Plant Washington.

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John M. Grosshans  
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Every miner in this country

shall go home to his or her family,

at the end of every workday,

in a

healthy and safe condition

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**From:** "Kathy Aaron" <kaaron@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 9:10 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter today to voice my support for the Proposed Plant Washington.

I have lived in Washington County my entire life and never has a topic been as controversial as this proposed power plant. As I attended the meetings and listened to opinions of people from all across the state, it occurred to me that most of the opponents don't even live in or near our region of the state. I do realize, however, that there is a small contingency of opposition generated from those who will live within a close proximity of the plant. I understand their concerns; they don't want a huge smoke stack in their back yards. However, I do feel that they have gone out of their way to place fear in the minds of our good citizens. At every turn they have used that fear tactic to oppose the plant and garner even more support for their personal causes. Support that is based solely on fear.

I have also listened as representatives from your agency spoke on the extensive research and considerations that must take place before a permit for such a facility can be awarded. I have full confidence in the EPD and their ability to only permit projects they feel are safe. I place my faith in your agency and trust that you will permit this plant for our community. You see, we need this plant. I believe that in the future we will have a shortage of energy resources and I really enjoy the luxury of electricity. I want to know that when I flip a switch my power will come on. I fear that without operations such as Plant Washington there will come a day when that luxury could be threatened because of our rate of growth in the state. While the temporary jobs that will be generated during construction are very much needed in our community, I do not base my support on that alone. I have been able to step back and look at the project from a much larger perspective.

In closing, I do hope that you will consider the basis for the opposition and also consider that most of that opposition doesn't come from those who will be most affected by the plant, but from people who oppose anything that your agency is involved in. I also hope that you consider the fact that Power4Georgians has done extensive research and proposed only a project they feel will surpass any standards established by your agency. This project proposal is more extensive and technologically advanced than any of its kind. Every consideration for the health and well being of our citizens has been weighed and addressed. Please award Plant Washington the permits necessary to move

forward with this project before the luxury of electricity runs out for you and me.

Thank you for your time.

Kathy Aaron

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The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed -  
Nicholas Chamfort

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**From:** "Keith Johnson" <kjohnson@b-htransfer.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 9:31 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

October 27th, 2009

Dr. Carol A. Couch

Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Suite 1152 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

I wanted to write you a note expressing my support for Plant Washington. I am a resident of Washington County and support Power4Georgians in building Plant Washington. We need new jobs in our community, funding to support local government programs and emergency services. This \$2 billion dollar investment will provide a strong boost to our economy. While the need for jobs and industry in our community is great, it is my understanding that this plant will also provide the energy needed to sustain Georgia growth for many years to come. I am also confident that your agency, along with the environmental controls at this facility, will assure that Plant Washington will be safe for human health and the environment. I ask that you register my comments in your official records in support of this project.

Respectfully,

Keith Johnson

Director of Domestic Operations

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**From:** Lee Horton <hortonlee51@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/12/2009 7:51 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To whom it may concern; On behalf of my family and I we support the construction of plant Washington.

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**From:** "Mark Riner" <m.riner@washingtonemc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 9:39 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington - Washington Cty, GA

Dear EPD officials,

I realize we need to include solar, bio-fuels, etc, in our demands for future energy. In one of our deserts, a proposed solar project of 850 Mega Watts – same size as Plant Washington – will require 84,000 acres. The environmentalists there reject it because of disruption to the habitat of lizards and turtles. Personally, I think they would enjoy the shade! Can you imagine Energy providers in GA cutting down 84,000 acres of trees to build a solar panel generator and still when the sun goes down the lights go out? The environmentalists would scream about that as well...so, we are back to coal and nuclear.

There are only a couple of viable sites currently left in GA for construction of coal or similar projects such as Plant Washington. It meets or exceeds EPD standards. The trees actually offset the carbon emissions. The technology employed for a cleaner environment for Plant Washington and retrofits of existing Plants in Georgia are reducing emissions. It is good for this floundering economy and God blessed us with more resource coal in America than Arabia has oil when He created the earth.

I support Plant Washington. I believe that the EPD has carefully watched out for the well being of not just the locals, but the State of GA throughout this process and I for one am very pleased at how the EPD has performed. I realize the opposition has a right to express their opinions, but find one willing to give up their energy footprint to save the planet...it is not going to happen and our children deserve affordable energy too.

I encourage you to issue the final permit as quickly as possible to give this community hope, to revive this community and put people back to work again. Too help meet the energy demands for Georgia's future growth. Some of the older coal plants will be able to shut down with newer cleaner ones being built. Please issue the final permit.

Thank you,

Mark G Riner  
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 Tele: 478-552-2577 x829  
 Cell: 478-232-0052

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**From:** "Martie Tompkins" <mtompkins@cbwc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**CC:** <lmathis@cbwc.com>  
**Date:** 10/26/2009 4:53 PM  
**Subject:** In favor of Plant Washington  
**Attachments:** Martie Tompkins.vcf

I would like for EDP to be aware that I am in favor of Plant Washington in Sandersville, Georgia. I am an owner of three tracts of property within 5 miles of the plant site. It is my family, "Mathis" that Mathis Road is named for. I have attended the public meetings in our area and the benefits of Plant Washington exceed any negative items brought out during these meetings. Our community needs this source of energy for industrial growth.

Thank you.  
Larry G. Mathis, CEO

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Sent by:  
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**From:** "Mary Ellen Bussell" <me.bussell@washingtonemc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/2009 10:27 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington  
**Attachments:** Plant Washington.doc

Please see the attached letter in support for Plant Washington.

Thanks for your attention to this matter,  
Mary Ellen Bussell



Oct 9, 2009

Plant Washington Comments  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152-East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Washington County citizen that would like to express my support for Plant Washington.

Because of the recent decline of jobs in Washington County, we need new industry here. Plant Washington will provide job opportunities and an increase in revenue for our county.

After examining the information given to us by the Power4Georgians, I can see that Plant Washington has been designed to serve our growing need for electricity and to provide protection for our health and our environment.

The majority of the citizens in Washington County support Plant Washington. Being one of them, I will gladly support your decision to issue the required permits necessary for Plant Washington to be constructed and to begin generating electricity from which all Washington County citizens will benefit.

It is imperative that this project moves forward without delay and is up and running as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Bussell  
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Sandersville, GA 31082

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**From:** <mexicob@starband.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 5:04 PM  
**Subject:** PLANT WASHINGTON

To Whom It May Concern:

I am not a resident of Washington County but lived there for 22 years. I have family and many friends who do live there. I strongly support Plant Washington as an effort not only to support the economic stimulation for Washington County but for the provision this plant will provide for other areas in the state. I have read the articles provided both pro and con. I have read letters from very qualified personnel who reside in Washington county. I definitely trust the judgment of those who actually contributed positive feedback on the findings that prove the plant a good investment for this county. This county needs growth and production to maintain quality life for those who have chosen to live in this rural area.

Although there are those who have chosen to be negative to this cause do so because that is the position they choose to remain in no matter what the topic of discussion. I know some of these people personally this is their nature.

Please consider this letter in support of Plant Washington for the good of Washington County and the state.

Sincerely,  
Elaine B. Brown,  
former resident

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**From:** "Mike Pullen" <Mike.Pullen@thielekaolin.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/24/2009 4:09 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Environmental Protection Department

Georgia Power

Plant Washington

24th October 2009

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I would like to voice my pinions and support for the Proposed "Plant Washington", Coal Fired Electrical Generation Station, Washington County Georgia.

Many Citizens are voicing an objection to this plant for the reasons of Lack of Knowledge to Present Day Technologies that are in common practice through out these United States of America.

Coal has as Hi degree of BTU value per lbs and is readily available in the mainland USA without any need to depend on Foreign Fossil Fuels. Coal is cheap and easily transported and presents NO Environmental, Health or Ecological impact in it's inert state for transportation.

Crude, Bunker & Fuel oil as well as more refined oil is extremely expensive, "NO CLEANER" then Coal and presents a Major Environmental, Health and Ecological impact if spilled. And we as American Citizens can easily be held hostage to uncontrolled Foreign Gov't pricing like the Oil Cartel and Opec.

Natural Gas though plentiful in the Main land USA and Canada has an extreme health risk, requires very special handling in both Gaseous and Liquefied

States. Though Natural Gas can be transported easily by rail or pipe line; it is again subject to special handling, presents both Health, Safety and Ecological impacts nearly the same as Oil. And prices of natural gas are also very much subject to extreme increases as we have seen in the years of 2007 & 2009 .

We should leave gas as a easy means to heat homes and provide energy to those Industries that need a Direct Fired Fuel Source. We still have to closely monitor and regulate the emissions from Natural Gas as we become more aware of it's Environmental, Health and Ecological impacts.

Back to Coal

Yes, I must agree that Coal as an "Untreated Combustible" can produce some quite heavy environmental particulates and emissions. But, that is where Our Great Nation of the United States of American has Excelled in Technologies.

To mention a few:

- A. Electro-Static Precipitators to remove Particulates
- B. Spray Dryer / Absorbers to neutralize emission gases.
- C. Scrubbers to remove & stabilize waste particles and chemistry
- D. Hi-Rate Pulverized Coal Burners that produce a "Fire Ring" of very high Temperatures that Burn off many pollutants.

As a result no Billowing Black Smoke, no harsh sulfurs and other pollutants.

This Technology is very readily available and in use today in the United States . . . I Employ you to the "Charge" of Permitting Plant Washington to be built and operated in Washington County.

Concern:

My only concern is the volume of water consumption. Georgia Power should also be held to the task to Implement Conservative Measures like

economizers and condensers to reclaim, reuse and conserve as much water as possible.

I respectfully ask that YOU the E.P.D. to Ratify the permits and Provide Washington County with the Jobs, Supportive Industries and Lower and more stabile Electrical costs and provide us with much needed tax benefits that shall benefit all of Washington County and the state of Georgia.

Final:

Also, Georgia Power can enjoy the benefits of a profit return on investment. With so many skilled employees out of work from Kaolin and other related industries we the Trained, Skilled, Professional and Eager! Are ready to take on the Tasks of getting Plant Washington up and running in the most environmentally and economically feasible manor.

Respectfully,

Michael Pullen

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**From:** "Pam Mathis" <Pam.Mathis@washington.k12.ga.us>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**CC:** "Robert Mathis" <Robert.Mathis@thielekaolin.com>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 11:45 AM  
**Subject:** plant Washington

To whom it may concern,

As a Sandersville local and a land owner on Mayview Road, please know that I fully support the proposed Plant Washington. Not only will the new plant create jobs for our county but it will also draw new industry, which is vital to our local economic development. And I am not concerned about the emissions as I understand state of the art technology will be used.

Many out of town visitors voiced opinions against the Plant this week. They don't live here. Please consider that your supporters live in Washington County...where it really matters.

Pam Mathis

2280 Mayview Road

Sandersville, GA 31082

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**From:** "Pamela Bloodsaw" <pbloodsaw@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 10:31 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I (Pamela Bloodsaw Dunn) is emailing you to let you know that I strongly support Plant Washington. Plant Washington will bring more jobs to this area as well has better things in the future. Looking forward to this plant coming.

Thank in Advance

Pamela D. Bloodsaw  
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"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:18

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**From:** "Ree Garrett" <rgarrett@sandersville.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 9:39 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I want to voice my support for Plant Washington to be built near Sandersville. As a lifelong resident of Washington County, I have worked with and volunteered with several different segments of our population over my almost sixty years. From my volunteer work with the local library, the hospital and the schools, to my part ownership of the local newspaper, to my jobs with the kaolin industry and now the Chamber of Commerce, I can attest first hand to the need for this industry to locate in our county.

We are plagued with a poverty rate of over 22% and a high school graduation rate of just above 70%. An increased tax base that this plant would bring to our county and the job that would be available could be the hand-up this community needs to pull itself out of these dismal statistics.

All manufacturing comes with risk. But I believe that the facts show, the benefits of this plant far outweigh the small effect it will have on our air quality and water purity and availability.

I implore you to issue a final permit for Plant Washington.

Ree Garrett

Vice President

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**From:** "Robert Mathis" <Robert.Mathis@thielekaolin.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I am writing to say I am in full support of Plant Washington. The base load power this plant will generate will help ensure that power remains affordable in the state of Georgia for mining and manufacturing. I am confident that the EPD is capable of determining and enforcing emissions levels which are safe for the environment and safe for my family. I am also confident that the in depth water study that was done shows the water withdrawal rates are acceptable and will have no negative effects on the environment. I am excited about the potential jobs that this plant could bring to our area. I urge you to issue all permits for Plant Washington.

Thank you,

Rob Mathis, P.E.

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**From:** "Robin McDonald" <Robin.McDonald@thielekaolin.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 11:52 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I am in support of the new plant to be built in Washington County. I am an employee of a local kaolin company and it is no secret that the community's long-standing reliance on the kaolin industry has been challenged over the past few years. There is a well-qualified and deserving work force in this community that deserves the opportunity to work in another industry such as that that Plant Washington would provide.

There is a lot of opposition to this plant - much of which is from out of the county. There are some "environmentalists" and "tree-huggers" that would protest anything that they could get some attention opposing.

You have in your power the ability to award the fine people of this county an opportunity. Please consider approving this permit.

Sincerely,

Robin McDonald

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Warthen, GA 31094

Robin McDonald

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**From:** "Rosemary Burgamy" <rburgamy@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 11:09 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my strong support of Plant Washington.

I have attended many of the local meetings over the past approximate 1 ½ that the Power4Georgians and the EPD have conducted. I am convinced that this is a very safe and beneficial asset to our community and the surrounding communities. As has most of Georgia, our community has been severely affected by the economic recession. We have lost many jobs and consequently, a large amount of revenue in our community. All areas are suffering, and we need Plant Washington. Our community can do its part to contribute to the power for other areas of the state, and at the same time, we will benefit greatly economically.

Although there are some in the community that are against this plant, I find that the majority of the citizens want and support this project. The dissenting opinions, although sometime loud, are far from the majority. Also, there are many individuals that are not from this community that are voicing their opinions on this topic and attempting to sway the opinion of local residents. These outside individuals never came to this community prior to this plant announcement nor do they contribute economically to our area. When this battle is decided, they will leave our community and likely never return, thus leaving the locals to deal with the outcome and the subsequent economic challenges.

According to the EPD, extensive studies have been conducted proving the safety of this plant. The statement has been made by the EPD that the studies for this plant have been more thorough and extensive than any study done for any other plant in the United States. All environmental factors have been considered, and I am convinced that this is not harmful in any way to our community-ground, air or water.

As an employee of the local technical college, I embrace this opportunity to expand to meet the needs of this construction process and the fulltime operation of the plant once the construction is complete. We are here to serve the residents of this community and the surrounding counties, and we look forward to serving Plant Washington and Power4Georgians.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this project.

Rosemary E. Burgamy

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**From:** "Scott Ahrens" <Scott.Ahrens@thielekaolin.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 11:26 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Georgia EPD,

I was fortunate to attend the public comment hearing on Plant Washington on Tuesday, October 20 in Sandersville. I have lived in Sandersville for six years. I am not a life-long resident like many of the people for or against our power plant. I have lived in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic areas of the US, and I travel all over the world for my profession.

After hearing both sides, I want to publicly state that I support Plant Washington. I think it is human nature to be concerned about the future, and to expect that the worst is going to happen. While Plant Washington will not be perfect, and it has its risks, the benefits of such a plant far outweigh the negative aspects of the plant. I trust the EPD will do everything in its power to make sure Plant Washington is as safe as it can possibly be.

However, as technology improves every year, so does the probability that the potential pollution will also decrease. The thing I fear the most with regards to pollution and air quality is the effect that China and India have on the world environment. While I understand the US has done its fair share, if the world cannot control the pollution coming from these two countries, nothing anybody else does is going to matter.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Ahrens

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**From:** "Scotty McCoy" <scotty@whitecommercial.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/25/2009 8:00 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

We are residents of Washington County. We fully trust the GA EPD to provide the guidance for Plant Washington and support the construction of this facility.

Scotty and Pendery McCoy

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Sandersville, GA 31082

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**From:** "Stan Wiggins" <swiggins@cbwc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/23/2009 12:50 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

As a lifelong citizen of Washington County I would like to express my support in favor of Plant Washington. While I can appreciate the delicate balance needed between conservation and industry I believe Plant Washington would benefit the our county greatly.

Thank you for considering the opinions of the people of Washington County.

Sincerely,

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**From:** <tennilemay@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** DEPT EPD <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/25/2009 12:32 PM  
**Subject:** PLANT WASHINGTON

EPD Committee:

I wish to give my full support in the decision to build Plant Washington in Washington County, Georgia. I had the opportunity to tour the Santee Cooper's Cross Generating Station on January 14, 2009 and was very impressed with the facility and the careful 24 hours monitoring system and the watchfull controls this plant observed. I sincerely hope your committee with vote YES for Plant Washington! I also wish to thank your department for the informative meetings and hearings you have presented to the citizens of our community. We are far more informed because of your presentations. Deborah M. May, P. O. Box 6, Tennille, Georgia 31089



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**From:** "Tina Jordan" <t.jordan@washingtonemc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/13/2009 8:12 AM  
**Subject:** SUPPORTER OF PLANT

To Whom It May Concern,

I support Plant Washington 100%, there is a great need for this Power Plant.

Thank You,

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**From:** "Tom L. Davis" <davisappraisers@knology.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**CC:** <charleslee388@bellsouth.net>  
**Date:** 10/11/2009 10:41 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Sirs:

I am a 57 year old lifelong resident of Warthen, Georgia a small community just to the west of where Plant Washington will be constructed. Electrical energy must be generated somewhere and some people take the "not in my backyard approach". To my knowledge this operation will be as safe ecologically as possible, create less of a footprint of any plant now operating in Georgia, and bring much needed economic stimulus to an area of the state, that has lost jobs in the mining, agricultural, and timber industry over the last recent years. This plant will allow a jump start to the soft economy in the area as well as provide additional electrical output for many years to come that can be shared by all Georgians. Over the past several months I have discussed the plant construction with numerous fellow Washington County Citizens as well as other persons in surrounding areas. Even though there are inherent strong feelings on both sides it appears to me that the vast majority of people in the area support the construction of the plant. There are a number of reasons as noted beforehand for these feelings. As a real estate appraiser I work out of Augusta and on a routine basis work the eastern half of Georgia and the western half of South Carolina. I am very familiar with the entire region on an economic basis. I am also deeply involved in dealing with the people of the area. My practice includes residential, commercial, small industrial, and agricultural enterprise. I am a fourth generation resident of the area and would certainly not support any efforts which would not benefit the health, welfare, and well being of my community. My niece is currently constructing a new home in Warthen. I want to make my community the best place to live in Georgia for the child that she is carrying. I want the area to be a place that the sixth generation of our family chooses to live and to work. I can see no downside to the construction of the plant but feel that not to construct the plant would be a serious mistake both for the area but for Georgia as a whole. Taking into account all pros and cons of the plant construction I would want you to please consider this email as an endorsement of the construction of the plant.

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Tom L. Davis And Associates  
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**From:** "Tony Veal" <tveal@wcms-inc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 9:39 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Dr. Carol A. Couch  
Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

I have been fortunate to operate a Machine Shop, Welding Shop and Construction Shop in Washington County for the past 43 years.

I have been involved in community development and industrial development in Washington County for many years. I am a past president of Washington County Chamber of Commerce in Sandersville.

I have attended most or all of the local meeting discussing the pros and cons concerning this proposed power plant. The development and construction of this new facility will be a tremendous boost to the economy of Washington County and the entire state of Georgia. The construction jobs and the permanent jobs will affect the entire state and southeast United States, not to mention the needed electrical power service after this plant is completed.

I have reviewed the finding of the EPA and EPD and I am well please with the results of the finding the effects this new plant will have on our area. The EPA and EPD have completed an excellent illustration of the effects, if any due to the construction of this new plant.

The majority of the people of this county and surrounding counties are in support of this new plant which will boost the economy for all areas and we will reap the benefits of affordable electrical power after the completion of this new plant

I support Plant Washington and would hope that the EPD proceeds with the issuing of the necessary permits to move forward with this new construction which will benefit all.

I support Plant Washington

Thank you,

Tony R. Veal  
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**From:** "WACO 100" <sales@waco100fm.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/26/2009 9:13 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Gentlemen,

Washington County is my adopted home. I have operated a business here since 1977, and certainly do not want to see its natural beauty and liveability besmirched or compromised. Therefore, I urge you to use the utmost care in granting the final permit.

I have attended all the sessions sponsored by EPD and most of those led by Power4Georgians and FACE. Based on the information presented, I must come down firmly on the side of constructing Plant Washington. The facts I have seen have convinced me that construction of the plant would be of great benefit to our part of the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my opinion.

Capers O. Brazzell  
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Sandersville, GA 31082

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**From:** Walter McMillan <waltercmcmillanjr@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**CC:** Leigh work Evans <levans@sandersvilletech.edu>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 12:29 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I served as Superior Court Judge for forty (40) years in the Middle Judicial Circuit. During this time I had several cases involving the environment in Washington and other counties. Probably the first case was Calvine Industries in Swainsboro. Because of interested citizens and the good work of the Georgia Water Control Board (now part of EPD) the plant was approved for operation subject to completion of many needed safeguards. It remained open for a while, but soon under its own weight the plant closed. Technology then was not as advanced as it is today, but you stayed on top of the problem. Your capable agency is well equipped to oversee this proposed Plant Washington now, and certainly you will be in the future in line with advancing technology. This country needs energy from all sources to keep up with the global economy. I know you will do everything in keeping within your responsibility to help us - and the public - to get this needed facility. Thank you for all your help both now and in the past. Walter C. McMillan, Jr., Retired Superior Court Judge.

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**From:** "Wanda Brooks" <w.brooks@washingtonemc.com>  
**To:** <EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/22/2009 8:41 AM  
**Subject:** PLANT Washington in Washington County, Georgia

This is to express my postive feelings about Plant Washington. I am from an adjoining county, and feel not only will this keep our lights on, but will provide jobs for our area.

Please allow this plant to come in our area.

Wanda H. Brooks  
77 Wiley Street  
Sparta, Georgia 31087

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**From:** "Wayne" <ewayneandrews@att.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/8/2009 7:51 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington Comments

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Wayne  
**To:** Carol.couch@dnr.state.ga.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2009 8:29 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington - Sandersville, GA

Good Morning Dr. Couch,

I am contacting you to express my support for building Plant Washington near Sandersville. As with many industries, there will be some emissions; however, technology has been developed and is available to minimize risk. This area desperately needs the jobs and tax base the plant will provide. As you are probably aware, Washington County has relied on the kaolin industry for decades. That industry is now flat and may even be said to be in decline. I do feel badly for families who live near the site that have properties that may be affected badly solely because of their location. I hope the power company will compensate property owners very adequately for any loss.

In considering possible health effects from power plant emissions, I look only about 30 miles west to Plant Branch in Milledgeville. Plant Branch has been operating for decades. I know of no wide ranging health effects that are due to emissions from that facility. I think the people of Milledgeville are happy to have the facility. Many people in Washington County will welcome Plant Washington.

Best Regards,

Wayne Andrews

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**From:** "Brian Wright" <brian.wright@wrightandwrightpc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 2:40 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington coment

Dr. Carol A. Couch

Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Suite 1152 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing today in support of Plant Washington. As a business owner and resident in Washington County, I have tried to carefully review the information presented both for and against the facility being built in our County. After hearing both arguments, I am convinced that the Plant's advantages including local jobs and a source of affordable energy more than outweigh the few small disadvantages that have been cited.

I am hopeful your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to become a reality.

I respectfully ask that you register my comments in your official records.

Sincerely,

Brian Wright



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**From:** "Charles Tarbutton" <charlest@sandersvillerrailroad.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 6:50 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the thorough and professional manner in which EPD has conducted its review of PowerforGeorgia's several permit applications related to the Plant Washington project. I have every confidence in the department to follow the spirit and the letter of all applicable laws and regulations, and thereby, protect the people of Washington County and the State of Georgia from any and all pollutants emitted by regulated/permitted sources, including Plant Washington, if constructed. I wholeheartedly support the construction of Plant Washington, and I fully expect EPD to do its job of regulating and inspecting the operator to ensure that it is in full compliance with its permits.

Thank you again for the extremely important job that you do, and the professional manner in which you do it.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Tarbutton

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**From:** "Kim Roberson" <k.roberson@washingtonemc.com>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 2:34 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

October 27, 2009

Plant Washington Comments  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152-East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to let you know that I fully support Plant Washington. Working in the electric utility industry, I know that Georgia will need the megawatts that Plant Washington will produce and place on the state's power grid. During the building stage, Plant Washington will provide many jobs that will boost the economy in Washington County and once built, Plant Washington will provide much needed jobs here.

I believe that Plant Washington will be a clean and safe facility and with the state of the art technologies that are available today it will provide maximum protection for the environment. I respectfully ask that my comments be recorded in your official records.

Sincerely,

Kim Roberson

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**From:** "Lamar Binion" <l\_binion@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 11:34 AM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Dr. Carol A. Couch

Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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Dear Dr. Couch:

My name is Lamar Binion. I have lived in Washington County for thirty-five years, and I am currently the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Education. I am a retired educator having taught biology during my teaching years, so I feel that I have somewhat of an environmental conscience.

With that being said, I have given much thought and study to Plant Washington being built in Washington County. It is my firm belief that Plant Washington's state-of-art-emissions control technologies will provide maximum protection for the environment and for the health of my friends and loved ones. From a Board of Education point of view, the two billion dollar investment is just what Washington County needs. For years now, I have watched counties like Burke, Appling, Putnam and Monroe provide more to the boys and girls and move ahead of us because of the resources provided by facilities like Plants Vogtle, Hatch, Harllee Branch, and Plant Sherer. While I do not speak for all, I do feel that the great majority of people in Washington County support this project, so without hesitation or reservation, I whole heartedly support the construction of Plant Washington in Washington County.

In conclusion, I am hopeful your agency will approve the necessary permits that will allow this project to move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Lamar Binion, Chairman

Washington County Board of Education

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**From:** Laura Bland <lvbland@uga.edu>  
**To:** <epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 10/27/2009 2:53 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington  
**Attachments:** Plant Washington.doc

Please see attached.

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**Dr. Carol A. Couch**  
**Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division**  
**Georgia Department of Natural Resources**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive**  
**Suite 1152 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

Dear Dr. Couch,

Please accept this letter as proof of my support for Plant Washington. I am a resident of Washington County and fully support the efforts of Power4Georgians in building and operating Plant Washington near Sandersville.

I have examined the issues related to the establishment and operation of Plant Washington and am confident that the technologies planned for this plant. As someone who is greatly concerned about the health of individuals and the population as a whole, I am convinced that this facility will serve our growing need for electricity while offering maximum protection for human health and our environment. I have every confidence that with technological advancements in coal-fired power and regulatory oversight, Plant Washington will protect our environment and the health of our people and provide the energy needed to grow our state and economy. I take comfort in knowing that your agency will be monitoring Plant Washington and will see to it that operations are always conducted within the strictest of environmental regulations.

Plant Washington is the right business enterprise for our community – at the right time – and I ask that you approve the permits required to allow construction and operation of this facility.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Bland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Bland

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**Date:** 10/27/2009 3:22 PM  
**Subject:** Plant Washington

Dear Sirs,

I am a life long resident of Washington County, a practicing attorney, and elected State Court Judge for Washington County. And I am writing to say that I support Plant Washington. There are many reasons why I support Plant Washington, but the main four are as follows: First, the name Power for Georgia means it will provide much needed power for the State of Georgia; Second, it will provide both temporary and permanent jobs for Washington at a time when our major industries are shrinking in size; Third, it is designed and engineered in such a way as to have little or no effect on the environment and will set the standard for coal plants in the United States(as it has been said many times, Coal is one of America's most plentiful natural resources and we must find a way to use it if we intend to compete on a world wide scale); and Lastly, Plant Washington will almost double the tax basis for Washington County, providing much needed revenue for our county to improve roads, schools, hospitals, and other needs of the public.

I commend EPD for a fine job they have done in handling this project and urge you to approve it at your earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly,

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