

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 360

Approved June 26, 1998

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's air is polluted with ground level ozone and particulate soot; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to high levels of ground level ozone and soot significantly reduces lung function, increases the frequency of asthma and causes premature death; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders purchase power from some of the region's dirtiest plants, specifically the dirtiest plant in the region Brayton Point in Somerset, MA, and

WHEREAS, Brayton Point and other power plants built before 1977 do not have to meet the same Clean Air Act standards due to a loophole in the law, and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has been out of compliance with the EPA's ozone standard and power plants contribute significantly to this problem, and

WHEREAS, Clean up of these old, dirty power plants would significantly help Rhode Island comply with clean air requirements and would result in immediate air quality improvements (i.e. the 12 dirtiest plants in the region emit the same amount of pollution as 3.1 million cars).

WHEREAS, Clean up of the old, dirty power plants will also likely reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as CO2 and toxic air pollutants such as mercury, and

WHEREAS, Governor Lincoln C. Almond has the ability to force New England to clean up its dirtiest plants and the responsibility to protect the public's health, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council calls upon Governor Almond to use his power to clean up the old, dirty power plants and refuse to purchase electricity from any power plant that does not meet new plant air pollution standards.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

*Evelyn V. Fargnoli*  
PRES.

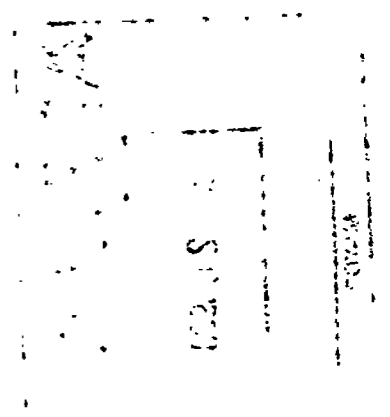
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CLERK

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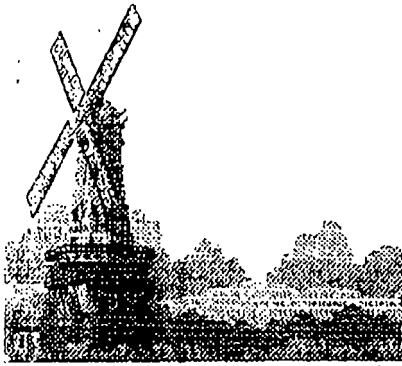
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# CLEAN POWER COALITION

## Resolution in Support of the Clean Up of New England's Dirtiest Power Plants

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WHEREAS prolonged exposure to high levels of ground level ozone and soot significantly reduces lung function, increases the frequency of asthma and causes premature death.

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WHEREAS Brayton Point and other power plants built before 1977 do not have to meet the same Clean Air Act standards due to a loophole in the law.

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WHEREAS Clean up of these old, dirty power plants would significantly help Rhode Island comply with clean air requirements and would result in immediate air quality improvements (i.e. the 12 dirtiest plants in the region emit the same amount of pollution as 3.1 million cars).

WHEREAS Clean up of the old, dirty power plants will also likely reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as CO<sub>2</sub> and toxic air pollutants such as mercury.

WHEREAS Governor Lincoln C. Almond has the ability to force New England to clean up its dirtiest plants and the responsibility to protect the public's health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ calls upon Governor Almond to use his power to clean up the old, dirty power plants and refuse to purchase electricity from any power plant that does not meet new plant air pollution standards.

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