



# **UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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## **Union County Utilities Authority December 17, 2008 Annual Public Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Kulish called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9, North Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Vice-Chairman Kulish, Treasurer People, Secretary Wolf, Commissioners Badri, Huff, and Jackus. Also present was Alternate Commissioner Lombardo. Commissioner Kennedy arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Kahn, and Commissioner Erdos. Also absent was Alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Tom Brennan, Bill Neafsey, Jeff Hummel and Ms. Santiago of the Authority's staff; Ed Trainia of CME; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Freeholders Holmes and Estrada; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz; and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek. Also present were Alan Harleston, Plant Manager and Lorenzo Rizzo, Business Manager of Covanta.

Vice-Chairman Kulish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Kulish appointed Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Kennedy.

Presentation by Covanta: Annual Public meeting

Vice-Chairman Kulish turned the floor over to Mr. Harleston and Mr. Rizzo, who gave a slide presentation (see attached) on the operation of the resource recovery facility during the previous twelve months.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Freeholder Chairman Estrada, asked several questions regarding the operation of the plant.

Freeholder Liaison Holmes, asked questions about the booming noises that occasionally emanate from the plant. Mr. Harleston noted actions taken by Covanta regarding these types of complaints. Freeholder commended Mr. Harleston and Covanta for the support they give the community.

Dr. Garg noted that with all the information presented in the slides, the one that was most important to him, as Executive Director, were the ones indicating the emissions from the plant. He stated that most of the emissions were in the range of 4% or 5% of the amount allowed by the permits. Using those numbers, the current capacity of the plant could be increased 2000%, and not reach the limits of the current permits. He spoke about the safety margin this provided, and how this plant has no impact on the public's health. He commended the Covanta team. There were further discussion and comments on the low level of emissions from the plant.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus, and unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph C. Bodek  
Clerk

Edward J. Kahn  
Chairman

William Wolf  
Secretary