



January 23, 2008

Office of Mayor John Marks
Office of Commissioner Andrew Gillum
Office of Commissioner Allan Katz
Office of Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Office of Commissioner Mark Mustian
Office of City Manager Anita Favors-Thompson
City Hall
300 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mayor Marks, members of the Tallahassee City Commission and City Manager Favors-Thompson:

I am writing to inform you that Biomass Gas & Electric has decided not to locate the proposed Tallahassee Renewable Energy Center in Tallahassee or in Leon County. I ask that you remove discussion of this item from your upcoming agenda and take appropriate steps necessary to remove the project from the Florida State University Campus Development Agreement pending before the Commission.

We have concluded an exhaustive search and have determined that no site in this community other than the Roberts Avenue location can properly accommodate this project, which will now likely be located in one of several other communities that have expressed strong interest in welcoming it. In fact, I have been invited to begin discussions today with leaders from one of those other interested communities, but I'm pleased Tallahassee will still benefit from the carbon-neutral renewable energy generated from this facility.

I would like to thank and praise the leadership and cooperation of Mayor Marks and the Tallahassee City Commission, City Manager Favors-Thompson and City staff and Florida State University. I also thank Leon County Commission Chair Bryan Desloge and those among his colleagues who supported this project, as well as members of the region's business community led by the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.

These leaders recognize the importance of clean, carbon-neutral renewable energy, which remains a key component of President Obama's and Governor Crist's action plan to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, combat climate change and create millions of new jobs.

Biomass Gas & Electric was excited about bringing Tallahassee a state-of-the-art renewable energy project that would have been smart for this region's fiscal and physical environment. We looked forward to investing \$150 million in the creation of this plant. It would have created up to 200 jobs during the construction phase as well as an additional two-dozen high-wage 'green-collar' jobs, and launched a clean tax-paying business that sought its place among the good corporate citizens in your community.

All of us involved in working hard to bring this biomass project to Tallahassee were motivated by the positive reality that its green energy would provide a step forward in strong economic and environmental development for Tallahassee. We have earnestly sought to address every legitimate concern and question raised about the project with accurate, fact-based information that reasonable people have understood. Others however, with their own narrow agenda have ignored, twisted, misrepresented and outright lied about this project and the process by which we sought to bring it to Tallahassee.

Specifically, your community needs to know that the disgraceful pretense of leadership demonstrated by Bill Proctor is nothing more than old-fashioned demagoguery, fear mongering, and race baiting. The emissions from Mr. Proctor's mouth represent some of the worst pollution your community breathes on a daily basis. Similarly, 'businessman' Erwin Jackson joined with Proctor to wage an intentionally divisive smear campaign, intended to kill the truth and the best interests of the community. Whatever profit these two men derived from their groundless attacks on this good project comes at the expense of the entire community.

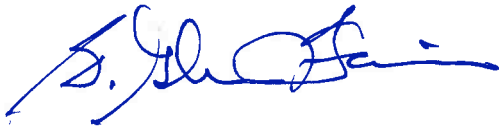
Proctor and Jackson exploited this project to divide the community for their own personal and political gain. Now, good people will bear the burden of this loss, especially the 200 families who will unnecessarily have to rely on a government check instead of a paycheck to make ends meet when they could have received good jobs through the construction, maintenance and operation of this facility.

As economic conditions continue to deteriorate, Mr. Proctor should position himself at the unemployment office to explain to 200 citizens in his district why they didn't need these jobs that will now go to another community. If there's anyone in your community who deserves to be in an unemployment line, it is Bill Proctor. And, perhaps Mr. Jackson should allow any of his tenants who are now unemployed to live rent free until they can find work.

Due to this region's abundance of forest resources, I am convinced that many renewable biomass-gasification electric facilities will soon be located throughout Florida and the Southeastern United States. Moreover, numerous obsolete coal-fired power plants are being converted to run on clean biomass throughout North America. It's only a matter of time until this technology is just as prevalent as the light bulbs we use that consume this energy.

While Biomass Gas & Electric will produce and deliver the electricity from another community, we look forward to continuing our agreement with you to provide affordable clean, renewable carbon-neutral energy to the people of Tallahassee. Personally, I look forward to continuing to cooperate with any appropriate review of the process by which we sought to bring this project to Tallahassee and to remaining a friend to the people of your community.

With sincere regards,



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Cc Bryan Desloge, Chairman, Leon County Commission
Sue Dick, President, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce
Glenda Thornton, Chair, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce