

TOWN OF FREMONT

James A. Greier
Supervisor

PO Box 69
Fremont Center, NY 12736

Telephone 845-887-6605

Fax 845-887-6605

February 21, 2011

Commission Secretary
Delaware River Basin Commission
PO BOX 7360
25 State Police Drive
West Trenton, N J 08628


Dear Commissioners,

As an elected official, my first priority is to try to create jobs and employment to boost our economy. This recession that we are in, has not bottomed out yet here in Sullivan County. Our economy is deteriorating so rapidly, that we are unable to honor the labor contracts that we negotiated only two years ago, without laying off a portion of the county workforce.

We have the opportunity to turn it all around by allowing the gas industry to drill and extract our precious natural gas, like they are already doing in the Susquehanna River Basin. But your rules and regulations are too strict to let it happen here in the Delaware River Basin.

I consider myself an environmentalist. On my farm, I have the only wind turbine generator in the Town of Fremont, and one of the few in Sullivan County. We are presently working with the Towns of Fremont, Rockland, Callicoon and Liberty to develop a Wind Farm. Sustainable Energy is in our future. But I'm also a realist. I project that the time frame for that to take place is at least 25-30 years. We need an energy source to bridge that amount of time, and natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil and it's right here waiting to be taken, while at the same time creating the jobs we desperately need. Natural gas has been produced here in New York State and sent to the metropolitan areas via pipeline through Sullivan County. For the past 150 years, before electricity, without any problems. A big THANK YOU to the DEC in New York State for successfully controlling and regulating the natural gas industry here, and thank you again DEC for proving to everyone that it can be done safely and responsibly.

Sincerely,


James Greier
Supervisor