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Plant easy to justify

The “Plant Hard to Justify” (letter of April 29) provides invalid reasons to halt proposed construction of a regional sewage plant in New Hill. Rising costs of sewage treatment and politics simply do not matter — as long as someone else pays for it and it ends up in someone else’s backyard. Case in point, Progress Energy’s proposal to supply electricity to this plant is extremely high cost — almost double their nearest competitor. Since their competitor cannot supply electricity to property owned by Progress Energy, this makes sewage treatment on property owned by Progress Energy expensive. Cost estimates were tabulated by a company that may have earned future business from Progress Energy, without stated restrictions of future payments from Progress Energy, and absent any analysis of rate increase. A reason to halt construction of the proposed plant is a biased process of evaluation that allows Progress Energy to make sewage treatment on their property expensive.

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