



## **CITY OF PITTSFIELD**

CITY COUNCIL, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

January 5, 2026

Melissa Lavinson, Executive Director  
Office of Energy Transformation  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, 10th floor  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Decarbonization of the Pittsfield Generating Facility

Dear Director Lavinson,

On behalf of the City of Pittsfield, the City Council would like to thank the Office of Energy Transformation for conducting studies into the methods of decarbonization of peaker power plants, and for convening working groups with a diverse set of stakeholders, including the owners of the power plant at the heart of our City: the Pittsfield Generating Facility. This letter is submitted in support of decarbonization of this peaker plant.

The City Council is committed to improving the health and safety of all community members in the City of Pittsfield. The ongoing effects and negative impacts to the overall health of our residents from both climate change and air pollution grow increasingly concerning. We strongly encourage Hull Street Energy to decarbonize its operations at the Pittsfield Generating Facility. This plant's proximity to Allendale Elementary School and our densely populated Allendale and Morningside neighborhoods is particularly harmful to these already overburdened areas of the City.

The aging plant's current fossil fuel infrastructure has already impacted the City economically, as well; tax payments to the City have now been cut roughly in half due to the depreciation of the plant's condition. Further, having an aging fossil fuel plant in the center of the City's industrial zone countervails our economic development efforts to become part of a Cleantech Corridor.

The City Council supports a transition away from fossil fuel generation because feasible and safer alternatives of non-emitting peak energy solutions exist, such as battery energy storage systems, and would eliminate the largest source of standing emissions in the City of Pittsfield.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and for the continuing efforts of your office to accelerate energy transformation in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Peter T. White  
Council President