

Bio-Gen is concern for everyone

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while 1 kilowatt of power from Niagara Power costs three cents.

The health and safety concerns remain indisputably a problem for Winchester residents as well as Torrington residents. Pollution knows no geographical or political boundaries. We all breathe the same air. When the American Lung Association and the medical staff of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital oppose Bio-Gen based upon respiratory health concerns, we must all be concerned.

The cost issues are also important. Both Northwest Utilities and the Connecticut Light and Power Company indicate that power generated by Bio-Gen is not needed and that it is too expensive. These utilities are obligated by law, however, to purchase electricity generated from facilities such as Bio Gen. The costs will be passed on to citizens, as consumers of electricity.

Winchester citizens should also care about the Bio-Gen issue because the actions of the Torrington City Council provide yet another example of unresponsive elected officials. It is a signal that citizens have to work very hard to tell their representatives what they want and they must be vigilant to see that it is accomplished.