To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to Cogentrix's demand to not extend Discovery. In the two weeks before the cut-off date, Cogentrix submitted 825 pages of information. Many of the pages are redundant (like names and addresses) but a hefty bulk of them contain information that we have been looking for. Please remember that all of us, the public and the Intervenors, have jobs to go to and families to care for. We can't put forty hours a week into this; Any "undo delay" is directly due to them not being prepared on time. The CEC says the first 180 days of an application proceeding constitute Discovery. This period should have been over before 3/1/2012, but they continually needed more time for this or that. In your Site Certification Process General Overview you state "The process is designed to complete the review with a specified time period, usually one year. Their continual extensions have dragged this process out. Yet they see no "good cause" in giving the public time to read all of the paperwork they amended. They say there's nothing we need to know. Who are they trying to kid? Could they even keep a straight face when posing this request? Cogentrix responded to the CEC's questions very reasonably. But the intervenor's questions got a lot of "information not relevant" or "information could not be found online" Well, if it could have been found on line, we wouldn't be asking it. Tetra Tech even filed a response on a CD. That information isn't available to the public. (See letter of 9/14/12) The applicant was suppose to submit Supplement #3 on or before 6/22/2012. They got it in by 8/31/2012. You consistently granted them extension after extension. You've bent over backwards to give them every consideration. Please extend your consideration to us. We don't know what questions will come up reading their new info, but it's pretty plain they aren't use to dealing with a public that stands up to them. We don't need another power plant. We don't want another power plant. They need to go back home and take care of business on the East Coast. Now, they need power plants.

Sincerely,
Margie Logue