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REGIONAL CONTEXT

- NYS property tax cap
- Public education fight in New York State
- Inter-regional competition for tax base
- Erie County Tax Act
WHAT IS TRANSITION?
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- More than energy
- Economic transition and planning
- Stops the bleeding
- Other reforms (e.g. tax reform)
- Planning
- Place-based
IEFFA REPORT

- Deepened relationships
- Framed the debate
- Began conversations in communities and workplaces
JUST TRANSITION ASSEMBLIES

- Provide opportunities to practice leadership skills
- Build new relationships
- Continue to build and win the message frame
NRG Huntley: Financial Reality

The Huntley power plant, like many aging coal-fired power plants, has taken a substantial financial hit in recent years with little likelihood of a recovery in the near future. A recent report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis found that earnings generated by the plant have dropped dramatically in recent years due to decreased power demand, increased energy efficiency, low natural gas prices, and noncompetitive coal prices. Given that the plant is located in a region with substantial excess energy capacity, the Huntley units appear ripe for retirement.

Coal Costs More

- 7% per year
- The projected increase in the cost of coal from 2013-2020

They Are Operating Less Often

- 43%
- The percentage increase in coal costs for Huntley from 2005-2012

Transportation Costs More

- 50%
- The increase in coal transportation costs

We Don’t Need the Electricity

- 2,783 megawatts
- Projected peak energy demand in 2023 for NY
- 4,464 megawatts
- The amount of energy we can produce in NY right now

36,613 megawatts
- The amount of energy we can produce in NY right now

37,920 megawatts
- The amount of energy we can produce in NY right now

The Plant Is Outdated

- 55 and 56
- The ages of Huntley’s coal burning units
- 57
- The average age of retirement of a coal burning unit

Profits Are Down

- $3 million
- Huntley’s estimated pre-tax earnings in 2012
- $6 million
- Huntley’s estimated pre-tax earnings

Huntley Is Losing Millions

- $110 million
- Huntley’s estimated pre-tax earnings in 206
- $200 million
- Huntley’s estimated pre-tax earnings
JUST TRANSITION ASSEMBLIES
BUILDING POLITICAL WILL
2015

- Building and demonstrating support from Tonawanda residents.
- Gaining support from over 75 local and state organizations.
- Educating and gaining commitments from elected officials. Launch a long-term economic development plan for the town.
- Exploring tax reform.
WHAT WE’VE LEARNED SO FAR

- Meet people where they are at, acknowledge loss
- Relationships are more important than the issue
- Local politics drive the outcome
- Importance of a joint vision and belief that vision could happen
- Transition is so much more than energy
- Labor movement is not monolithic
- Focus what you agree on, not divergence – don’t go into negative hypotheticals before they happen
- Organize around self-interest
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