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Cranston City Hall
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

December 22, 2016

Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Attn.: Siting Board

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is certified copy of the following Resolution passed by the Cranston City Council at the December 19, 2016 City Council meeting:

RESOLUTION 2016-53 "IN OPPOSITION TO THE CLEAR ENERGY CENTER
POWER PLANT IN BURRILLVILLE, RHODE
ISLAND".

Sincerely,

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD

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Enclosure

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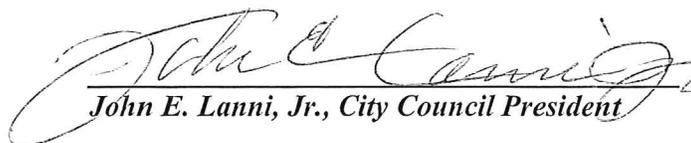
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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
IN OPPOSITION TO THE CLEAR ENERGY CENTER POWER
PLANT IN BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND**

*As amended by City Council 12/19/16 No. 2016-53

Passed:
December 19, 2016


John E. Lanni, Jr., City Council President

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, the town of Burrillville filed 18 requests to Invenergy to identify a water source needed for cooling the plant (which could use up to one million gallons per day) and Invenergy has not yet named one; and

WHEREAS, John Marsland, President of the Blackstone River Watershed Council (BRWC) wrote that the "plant would threaten 25 years of restoration efforts and millions of dollars of investment by the state and nonprofits like the BRWC and Friends of the Blackstone;" and

WHEREAS, according to the Blackstone River Watershed Council "emissions from the power plant, in particular methane and carbon dioxide, would affect a 30-mile area in the northwest corner of Rhode Island;" and

WHEREAS, particulate matter would "diminish air quality, local rivers and watersheds would be stressed, additional deliveries of chemicals by large commercial vehicles would put residents at risk, noise pollution would increase and the biodiversity impacts and loss of wildlife habitats within the shared watershed would harm the regional environment" according to Burrillville Conservation Chairman Kevin Cleary; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville power plant would prevent Rhode Island from meeting a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions set by the 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act; and

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Cranston City Clerk

46 WHEREAS, engineering firm Fuss & O'Neill advised that potential negative air
47 quality and groundwater impacts are not worth any possible benefits from the power
48 plant; and
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50 WHEREAS, numerous nonpartisan environmental groups, including the
51 Environmental Council of RI, the Conservation Law Foundation, the Audubon Society of
52 RI, the Nature Conservancy, ***the Cranston Conservation Commission**, the Burrillville
53 Land Trust, and the Blackstone River Watershed Council, along with the Blackstone
54 Valley Tourism Council, the Town Council of Glocester, the Middletown Town Council,
55 the North Smithfield Town Council, and most recently the Lincoln Town Council have
56 opposed the proposed Burrillville Power Plant; and
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58 WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council has major concerns about the potentially
59 catastrophic environmental, economic, and health impacts the Clear River Energy Center
60 would have on Burrillville and the entire State of Rhode Island.
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62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of the City of
63 Cranston, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville,
64 Rhode Island.
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66 ***A copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Governor and members of the**
67 **Energy Siting Board in Woonsocket and the Burrillville Town Council.**
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71 Sponsored by Councilman Stycos
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73 Referred to Public Works Committee November 14, 2016