

Hello. My name is Kathryn Scaramella. I'm a resident of Pascoag, RI (505 Pascoag Main Street)

In the advisory opinion dated August 3, 2016, Statewide Planning reviewed the Invenergy project relying on the Invenergy application and the testimony of a Mr. Seth Parker given during one of the Public Utility Commission hearings, to construct their advisory opinion.

According to that testimony Mr. Parker states, and I quote, "When adjusted to reflect [Invenergy's] exaggerated wholesale capacity price savings ...the percentage savings for Rhode Island consumers would be small but meaningful."

Statewide Planning went on to say that based on that testimony alone, Statewide Planning states, and I quote, "The Program [also known as Statewide Planning] finds that the Project will reduce regional wholesale capacity and energy prices and that the Project will lower electricity costs for Rhode Island consumers."

In a review of the advisory opinion from Statewide Planning, I find there is no mention of what that "small but meaningful" savings really means. And there is no chart or graph or table within the Statewide Planning advisory opinion that would help to support that claim.

No where in the Statewide Planning advisory opinion is an assurance that a price reduction will happen and no where is it stated for how long this price reduction will last.

So let me help as maybe I can shed some light on the savings for Rhode Island. And I'll tell you right from the start I'm no expert, but I can add and subtract and have enough cognitive skills to understand differences in numbers.

There is a misconception especially from our Governor that Rhode Island has some of the highest electricity prices in the nation. Well, that simply isn't true. There are 9 states with higher electricity prices. That is 20 percent of all the states in the Union.

And it is often stated by Invenergy that this power plant will reduce those high energy prices. Well, even according to the Advisory opinion, that doesn't seem to be true either. When you factor in costs of distribution, transmission charges, transition charged and a customer charge of \$5 per monthly bill per residential customer, our electric energy costs are 18.60 cents per kilo watt hour. In New England, that isn't bad. Connecticut is 20.96 cents per kilo watt hour. Massachusetts is slightly behind us at 18.51. New Hampshire is 18.13. Vermont is 17.57 and Maine comes in at the lowest at 16.03. That is a range of 4.93 cents per kilo watt hour of residential electricity. And its just 2.57 cents higher than our lowest New England state.

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Now for me a small but meaningful savings in my electric bill would be to get it down to under 10 cents per kilo watt hour. That would be meaningful. Can Statewide Planning assure me of that amount? And can Statewide Planning assure me that the savings will last longer than what Invenergy states as a 3 year savings. In other words, they and Statewide Planning can't guarantee me a savings after 3 years.

If this is not the amount, then what is the amount? To base a finding simply on the statement of "small but meaningful" is wholesale non-sense.

What are the numbers then?

If this fracked gas oil fired power plant is truly necessary, then make the case to me.

To be meaningful, a price for a kilo watt hour should be like Idaho at 8.0 cents per kilo watt hour or Missouri at 9.7 or how about Minnesota at 10.9.

Madame Chairman and board members, I want you to reject section 1 titled Energy Costs Impacts from the Statewide Planning Advisory Opinion as this section, along with others, is misleading, does not have the necessary backup information and is meaningless.

The Invenergy project will not decrease energy prices in our state as most of the energy will flow out of state and the savings, if any, are grossly exaggerated.

Thank you for your time.