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Mr. Todd Bianco
Coordinator
Energy Facility Siting Board
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: SB 2015-06 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's Application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI

Dear Mr. Bianco,

On behalf of the Metacomet Land Trust, Inc.'s Board of Directors I am writing to inform the Energy Facility Siting Board that on Thursday, September 15, 2016, the board voted unanimously to **oppose** the proposed siting of the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

The Metacomet Land Trust is a regional land conservation organization serving 14 communities in south central Massachusetts including Blackstone, Douglas, Millville and Uxbridge which directly border northern Rhode Island.

The proposed plant will have a regional impact and will severely compromise the forest and hydrologic resources of the area. We are fortunate to be the neighbors and stewards of the 25 square miles of protected forests in the Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode Island tri-state area and much of the land preserved over the decades has been made possible through tax payer supported initiatives.

This proposed plant, its auxiliary operations and the pollution it generates will disrupt, harm and possibly destroy publicly funded open space and habitat that has been accumulated acre-by-acre over generations. The 25 square miles of contiguous protected forests and their natural resources are well documented as diverse and thriving habitats and ecosystems that must continue to be preserved and protected for our children's children.

As of this date "we" (Massachusetts and Rhode Island) are experiencing severe drought. Crops and municipal water sources are being impacted along with the natural environment. We do not know if this is a long-term trend but it is clear that we must plan to protect our water resources much more stringently than we have in the past if we are to support our projected population

increases. It is unclear where the water that is needed to support this plant will come from and we cannot allow it to impact municipal or any public water supplies.

This proposal is also incongruous to the historical preservation and nationally recognized work that built the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor depicting the dream that became one of America's foundational stories.

We join the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., the Blackstone River Watershed Council / Friends of the Blackstone, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, the Burrillville Land Trust, Keep Rhode Island Beautiful, the Environmental Council of Rhode Island and many other organizations and individuals in support of their excellent arguments on why this site is the wrong place to locate this power plant.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Mosczynski".

Lisa Mosczynski
President