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It's been well over a year since The Governor and The Building & Trades Council announced to the State that a wonderful project is coming that will provide jobs and stabilize energy costs for the residents of the State of RI.

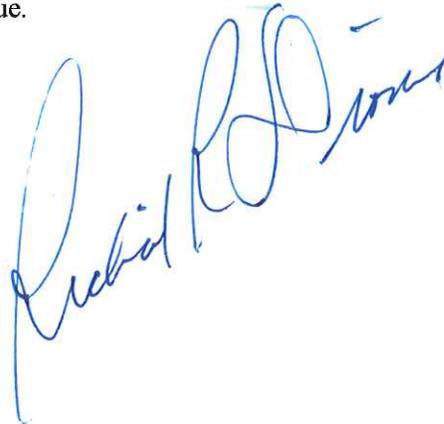
Needless to say, it's been a roller coaster ride for the residents of Burrillville who have packed The State House and public hearings voicing their opposition to this proposed power plant. And all along the way our Town and other public officials have repeatedly said "There is nothing we can do, our hands are tied, it's totally the decision of The EFSB.

We had Gov. Raimondo come to our town to address the concerns resulting in her telling us "Let the Process run its course." A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to personally ask our illustrious environmental Senator Whitehouse the question, "Where is our environmental Senator on this power plant issue and what is he doing for his constituents in Burrillville?" His answer was, "There is a process taking place through the state Energy Facility Siting Board." Sounds to me like he and Gina must have the same political consultants.

So to me, though clearly not a lawyer, "The Process" if you will should include the applicant, "Invenergy" being required to supply all pertinent information concerning this project so that the Interveners, as established by The EFSB, can render an intelligent advisory opinion based on the information provided. If that information is insufficient or in some cases totally non-existent, then this is grounds for the dismissal of this application. The Town of Burrillville and The Conservation Law Foundation have both made this request.

Back in the Fall of 2015, Invenergy had requested that their application be dealt with as much expediency as possible and now almost a year later, they want to "slow down" The Process by requesting a 30 day extension.

I say that if we as residents of Burrillville have to live with "The Process" that's been put in place, then Invenergy should have to live with "The Process." And the EFSB should have a moral obligation to see that ALL parties are treated with the fairness that is due.

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