

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RI**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE WATER SUPPLY PLAN SUPPLEMENT**  
**FOR THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER POWER PLANT IN BURRILLVILLE, RI**

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC (“Invenergy”) 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, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application making use of credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearings, the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have both advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, since filing their application with the EFSB, Invenergy has had difficulty in securing a reliable water supply for their proposed power plant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnston has authorized the sale of water which they purchase from the Providence Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) to Invenergy for their water supply needs at the proposed power plant; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville and the Conservation Law Foundation have filed suit in the Providence Superior Court seeking to enjoin and otherwise prevent the sale of water from Johnston to Invenergy; and

WHEREAS, since the initiation of the above-referenced litigation Invenergy has filed a Water Supply Plan Supplement which indicates, in relevant part, that additional water shall be made available through a long-term reserve capacity agreement with an undisclosed provider in a document filed with the EFSB, dated September 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlestown, after due inquiry, has reason to believe that the undisclosed water supply source is located on the Narragansett Indian Tribe (“NIT”) Settlement Land, located in the Town of Charlestown; and,

WHEREAS, the groundwater aquifer located on the NIT property is part of the larger Pawcatuck River EPA-designated sole source aquifer which supplies a large portion of the potable water needs to Charlestown’s residents, businesses, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the water obtained from the local supply is proposed to be transferred by truck to the proposed plant in Burrillville through the Town of Charlestown; and

WHEREAS, neither Invenergy nor the NIT have provided any information to the Town of Charlestown on the impacts and or consequences of using the local groundwater to supply the Invenergy power plant’s water needs or the impact and frequency of truck traffic on local travel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown, RI, without an un-redacted Water Supply Plan Supplement, do hereby oppose the use of locally supplied groundwater for the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown be submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC’s application to construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI, to the Town of Burrillville, to Invenergy Thermal Development LLC, and to the Narragansett Indian Tribe; and that the Town Solicitor take necessary action to obtain the Water Supply Plan Supplement.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council  
At a meeting duly held on October 10, 2017.

*Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC*

Attested to by:

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

