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DEM to Hold Public Hearing on Invenergy's Draft Air Permit

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The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) will hold an extended public hearing on June 19 to gather public comment on the draft air quality permit for the proposed Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville. Although the overall decision on siting and building the facility, proposed by Invenergy Thermal Development LLC in Burrillville, rests with the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB), the decision on the air permit is a DEM responsibility as required by state law.

It is not connected to or sequenced with the EFSB.

On May 9, DEM gave preliminary approval for the gas power plant's air permit.

To accommodate all interested parties, DEM is conducting the public hearing in two sessions, with an afternoon session from 3 PM to 5 PM and an evening session from 5:30 pm to 8:30 PM.

WHAT:

Public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments on the draft permit

WHERE:

Burrillville High School Auditorium 425 East Avenue Harrisville, Rhode Island 02830

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 3 PM to 5 PM and 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Due to the expected number of commenters, each person will be given three minutes to present their comments to the hearing officer, and a moderator will be present to facilitate the hearing. Questions and comments presented at the hearing will not be answered or discussed at that time but will be officially recorded and addressed with the ultimate decision on the application, which is expected in October.

A month ago, DEM announced it opened an extended public comment period to give Rhode Islanders ample opportunity to weigh in on this proposal. All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed permit by Monday, July 15, at 4 PM. Members of the public who would like to submit questions or formal comments on the proposed permit may email dem.invenergyairpermit@dem.ri.gov so they can be added into the draft permit's administrative record. Comments may also be mailed to the Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767. Comments must be received before the public comment period closes to be considered.

Issued by DEM's Office of Air Resources, the draft permit, preliminary determination, a factsheet, and notice of public comment are available [HERE](#).

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We applaud the action announced On May 9, 2019 when RI DEM gave preliminary approval for the Burrillville RI Invenergy's combined cycle natural gas fueled power plant's air permit. However we are concerned the scheduled June 19th hearing will be subjected to some of the same Kabuki Theater of distraction, delusion, distortion and destruction that the companion RI PUC EFSB proceedings have endured. In a marked contrast many detractors of this desperately needed power station have turned the RI PUC EFSB process into a three ring circus with many clowns and dancing animals engaged in a side step on the white steps.. The behaviors sometimes more associated with obstruction, prevarication and sabotage has burdened an intended mindful process for collaboration and cooperation.

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Background;

Why does Rhode Island continue to exhibit a flawed magical thinking in formulation of Public Policies choices and priorities concerning Rhode Island Energy Security? In contrast many of The RI PUC public policy formulation and priorities resulted in many decision hat reads like hyperbole most recognized in as seen on TV infomercials (batteries not included)? The Manhattan Institute a think tank released a comprehensive report titled "The New Energy Economy" An exercise in magical thinking. This in depth scholarly report at - <http://tinyurl.com/y6cmfzbt> [[facebook.com](#)]

As well, The recent data from IER (Institute for Energy Leadership) shows that Combined cycle domestic shale gas fueled base load power stations (like that proposed for Burrillville RI) is the key to today's RI energy security. This choice provides a bridge to tomorrows disruptive technologies, including generation IV Nuclear Fusion power stations.

As such RI public policies and priorities must be adjusted accordingly realizing both today & tomorrows energy security. We need an informed RI Governor & RI PUC leadership that comprehends the facts in formulating public energy policies, regulation & priorities. Such based on a levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) from new and existing / proven electricity generation resources. Including these considerations presents a fuller picture of the operating

costs of wind, solar, coal, gas, nuclear, and hydroelectric sources. The takeaway is that new wind and solar installations aren't pollution free. However are net net two to three times more expensive than existing generation sources. What is also self evident from the data is that wind and solar generated electricity is a road map to nowhere! If wind and solar is so cheep why does it (even with subsidies) still drive our electricity rates here in RI sky high? So why did RI mandate that national grid purchase up to 38.5% of electricity from wind and solar sources? Subsequently blame National Grid for both the excessive cost of electricity and the hidden cost for the complexity of a kluged electricity distribution system incorporating the unreliable wind and solar sources electricity costs? Now Governor Raimondo needs the Burillville power station to also supplement those expensive and unreliable kluged intermittent wind and solar power sources. Hence more cost and complexity a band-aid for alleged green renewable wind and solar. The environmental radicals exhibit bad behaviors pitching their junk pseuo science hokum fresh from their destruction of a regional base load clean coal technology power station at Brayton Point. Such continue to negatively influence local citizens NIMBY / BIAWBH destroying both today's and tomorrows RI Energy Security & economic outlook. The RI flawed bases of decision exhibits a laps in performing a rigorous due diligence for a totality of factors! Throwing more resources at this politically popular and oversold agenda is ill advised. The "green" electricity option lacks resiliency, performance capacity and equivalence, scale ability and competitive cost. The Wind and Solar industrial complex is a "RI Road Map" to nowhere, Gambling with RI Energy Security.

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