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EFSB 1-1: Please describe the environmental disturbance expected with the

construction and operation of the Clear River Energy Center and detail what mitigation efforts will be engaged to address those disturbances.

RESPONSE 1-1: The potential environmental impacts associated with the construction

and operation of the Clear River Energy Center ("CREC" or "the Project") and the mitigation measures to be implemented to minimize those impacts are detailed extensively in Section 6.0 of Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's ("Invenergy") Energy Facility Siting

Board ("EFSB") Application and are summarized below.

#### **AIR QUALITY:**

The CREC facility will be a major stationary source of criteria pollutants during its operation. However, the CREC will comply with all applicable state and federal air pollution control regulations and air quality standards. CREC will implement the Best Available Control Technology ("BACT") and the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate ("LAER"), as required. Invenergy will purchase Emission Reduction Credits ("ERCs") to fully offset the nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compound emissions from the CREC. Invenergy is also required to obtain allowances for its CO2 emissions to comply with the Rhode Island CO2 Budget Trading Program. Invenergy is also required to obtain allowances for its annual SO2 emissions to comply with the federal Acid Rain Program.

As demonstrated by the air quality impact analysis and health risk assessment completed for the Project, the air quality in the surrounding area will be maintained at levels which have been deemed by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ("RIDEM") to be protective of human health and the public welfare, including the most sensitive of the population, with a margin of safety.

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There will be minor, temporary, localized impacts to air quality during the construction of the CREC from the operation of construction equipment and vehicles. Invenergy will require its contractors to implement measures to minimize any potential off-site impacts to air quality during CREC construction. These measures will include, but not be limited to, using fuels compliant with EPA specifications, minimizing construction equipment and vehicle idling and using EPA emissions certified engines. Dust control measures will be implemented during CREC construction as needed, utilizing industry standard best management practices.

#### **GROUNDWATER & SURFACE WATER:**

A Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure ("SPCC") Plan and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") will be developed and implemented to prevent impacts to groundwater or surface water during CREC operation. A Water Quality Certification will also be required. During CREC construction, dewatering will be performed as needed to avoid groundwater impacts. If any contaminated groundwater is encountered in any of the construction areas potentially requiring dewatering, the appropriate state and/or local permits will be obtained to address discharge of off-site management of the pumped water. Invenergy will apply for and obtain a RIPDES Construction General Permit, including a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control ("SESC") Plan to ensure that area surface waters are adequately protected from potential impacts during construction.

#### WATER USE & WASTEWATER DISCHARGE:

The CREC, as an air cooled facility, has been designed to minimize water use during its operation. The CREC's water use and wastewater discharge are detailed extensively in Invenergy's Energy Facility Siting Board ("EFSB") Application. The stream depletion analysis completed for the CREC has demonstrated that there will be adequate water supply from Pascoag Utility District ("PUD") Well 3A, even in the

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summer months when the river is at its lowest points, to support its operation. Invenergy is working with RIDEM to put in place measures that can be taken to minimize CREC's water use during its operation if a stream depletion event were to occur.

The wastewater from the CERC, which will be sent to the Burrillville Wastewater Treatment Facility ("BWWTF"), will comply with the EPA's Categorical Effluent Standards for a Steam Electric Generating Facility without the need for additional pre-treatment. Invenergy will apply for an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit from the BWWTF, which will include effluent discharge limits to ensure that the CREC wastewaters will not adversely impact the BWWTF or the receiving water body. Sampling of the CREC wastewater discharge will be required both initially and on an ongoing basis to ensure that the effluent limits established in the permit are being met.

#### **WETLANDS:**

The CREC has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional wetland resource areas. Invenergy will apply for a Permit to Alter Freshwater Wetlands from RIDEM and an Individual Permit from the United States Army Core of Engineering ("ACOE") for all proposed wetland impacts, including the power plant, the transmission line and the water treatment facility to be installed at PUD Well #3A. In order to obtain these permits, Invenergy must demonstrate that the proposed CREC wetland impacts have been minimized and that all feasible alternatives to further avoid permanent wetland impacts have been considered.

Invenergy is currently investigating construction laydown locations that would minimize any additional impacts to wetlands associated with construction. Any unavoidable temporary impacts to wetlands associated with the staging of construction vehicles, equipment and materials during CREC construction will be restored once construction

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is completed where feasible.

In coordination with RIDEM and the ACOE, Invenergy will develop a Wetlands Mitigation Plan ("WMP") to compensate for all unavoidable direct, indirect and secondary wetland impacts from the CREC. The WMP will include a combination of proposed wetland restoration, creation, enhancement and preservation measures within the affected watershed in the required compensatory mitigation ratios.

#### **STORMWATER:**

A Stormwater Management Plan ("SMP") is being developed to minimize impacts to surface waters from stormwater runoff during operation. The SMP will meet all of the applicable criteria of the Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual and will utilize each of the required best management practices, including preservation of undisturbed areas, preservation of buffers and floodplain, minimizing clearing and grubbing, working with the natural landscape conditions, hydrology and soils, reducing impervious cover and source control. A SWPPP will be developed and maintained for to satisfy the requirements of the MSGP for Industrial Activities which will be required. A RIPDES Construction General Permit will be obtained, which will include the development of a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, reducing or eliminating pollutants in stormwater discharge during construction.

#### **VEGETATION AND TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY:**

There will be tree clearing and new impervious surfaces associated with the CREC, impacting the vegetative community and some habitat areas. The CREC has been designed to minimize impacts to vegetation and wildlife habitats, and Invenergy will restore vegetated and habitat areas temporarily impacted during construction wherever feasible. The CREC will also limit tree clearing activities during the breeding season of any threatened species identified in the areas to be cleared.

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#### **GEOLOGY AND SOILS:**

The CREC will have minimal impacts to earth resources as it has been designed to be compatible with the local geologic conditions. Detailed geotechnical evaluations will be performed prior to construction to further determine the subsurface conditions and the necessary design criteria. A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan will be developed to protect resource areas throughout construction. Excavated material will be re-used when possible. Any off-site disposal of excavated materials will be in accordance with applicable regulations and guidance. Operational impacts to geology and soils will be negligible.

#### **COASTAL RESOURCES:**

The CREC will not impact any coastal resources.

#### **TRAFFIC:**

The CREC will have a minimal impact on traffic during operation. Employee vehicle trips will be spread out over multiple work shifts. There will be daily deliveries of supplies and equipment but such deliveries will be intermittent. There will be truck deliveries of ultralow-sulfur diesel ("ULSD") when ULSD is fired. However, as the firing of ULSD is not expected to occur more than a few times per year, any impact would be temporary.

Invenergy will coordinate closely with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation ("RIDOT") and the Town of Burrillville to implement a pragmatic Traffic Management Plan during construction activities to minimize impacts on local roadways. Invenergy has engaged the services of an expert traffic consultant to help develop the CREC Traffic Management Plan, which will be made available to the public when completed.

#### **NOISE:**

The noise levels during normal operation of the CREC will comply

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with the A weighted limit contained in the Town of Burrillville's Noise Ordinance. The CREC will incorporate extensive noise mitigation measures during operation, as detailed in Invenergy's EFSB Application. Construction noise is likely to be occasionally discernible. However, it is not expected to increase ambient noise levels significantly. Any nighttime or weekend construction activities will likely be similar to the "finishing" phase of construction, which is typically 10 decibels lower than other phases. The size of a nighttime/weekend work force will be significantly smaller than during typical daytime weekday hours, thereby further reducing noise levels. CREC construction is not expected to result in any significant community noise impact.

#### **WASTES:**

The CERC will generate relatively little industrial solid waste during construction or operation, and the waste generated will be managed in accordance with the applicable regulations. All waste will be stored in an area with cover, secondary containment and an impervious surface. All waste accumulation areas will be equipped with appropriate spill response equipment. Employees will be trained to manage waste safely and in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### EMF:

As detailed in Invenergy's EFSB Application, an analysis conducted of the EMF levels for the existing and proposed transmission lines within National Grid's right-of-way found that the EMF levels at the edges of the ROW and 100 feet to either side of the ROW will be well below the recommended reference levels and well within the standard and guidelines set by other states for new transmission line additions.

#### **VISUAL:**

The CREC has been sited and designed to minimize visual impacts. As detailed in Invenergy's EFSB Application, a visual assessment has

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been completed to assess the potential for visual impacts to public resources in the vicinity of the CREC. The assessment concluded that the CREC will have minimal visibility from most locations during daytime hours. Less than one percent of the five mile visual study area will have visibility during the day. Invenergy will file an application with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") for a determination on the need for nighttime lighting on the CREC exhaust stacks. If nighttime lighting is required, additional analysis will be completed to determine the potential for nighttime visual impacts from the CREC. A visual assessment will also be completed for the new transmission line, once its preliminary design has been completed.

#### **CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

A Phase 1 Archeological Intensive Study has been conducted on the areas of the CREC site which will be disturbed. Four areas of archeological interest were identified. The study concluded that two of those areas do not appear to retain context and therefore, no further archeological work was recommended in those areas. The Study recommended avoidance of the other two areas identified. The CREC will avoid the areas identified as having potential archeological significance. The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission subsequently issued a letter dated October 26, 2015, stating that as the project proponent plans to avoid these two areas, the CREC will have no effect on any significant archeological resources. A Phase 1 Archeological Assessment will also be completed for the areas along the National Grid ROW to be impacted for the new transmission line, once its preliminary design has been completed.

RESPONDENT: John Niland, Invenergy Thermal Development LLC

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EFSB 1-2: Please identify whether Invenergy Thermal Development LLC has engaged

the services of an environmental compliance firm. If so, identify the name of the individual, the company he/she is employed by, the specific duties that individual has been retained to engage in, and length of that individual's employment. Please further outline the details of Invenergy's plan for environmental compliance monitoring during both construction and

operation of the proposed Facility.

RESPONSE 1-2: Invenergy will retain the services of a qualified environmental compliance

firm(s) during both the construction and operational phases of the project. An environmental monitor will be on-site throughout CREC construction to ensure that all project permit conditions are met and that all applicable environmental regulations and guidelines are adhered to throughout construction. During operation, Invenergy will utilize environmental consultants with the specific expertise needed to maintain full permit compliance to supplement the capabilities of the on-site operational staff

and Invenergy's corporate environmental compliance resources.

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EFSB 1-3:

Please describe the community outreach that has been employed by Invenergy Thermal Development LLC and include copies of all materials circulated to individuals and media. Included in this response, please detail future plans for community outreach during this application process and, if the application is approved, for during construction and operation.

**RESPONSE:** 

Invenergy has conducted consistent public outreach since the project was first proposed. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Informal door-to-door canvassing of project abutters, with an informational card;
- Two informational mailers to all Burrillville households;
- Two public Open Houses at Burrillville Middle School both publicized by ads in the *Bargain Buyer*; mailed invite postcards to Burrillville residents; and local media outreach;
- Ongoing media outreach, including a press conference to announce the project proposal that received widespread publicity; and multiple stories by *The Providence Journal*, *Woonsocket Call*, Rhode Island Public Radio, WJAR, WPRI and EcoRI. In-studio media appearances on WPRI-TV's "Dan Yorke State of Mind" and "Executive Suite," and on WPRO-AM's Dan Yorke Show;
- A series of informational advertisements in the Burrillville *Bargain Buyer*. Ads thus far have focused on environmental impacts and the permitting process and each include times and dates of upcoming public hearings;
- Three separate community "Office Hours" at Jesse M. Smith Library in Burrillville advertised in *Bargain Buyer*;
- FAQ's and handouts available at EFSB public hearing;
- A robust and active project website
   (www.clearriverenergycenter.com) which provides for
   questions submitted from the public as well as active Twitter
   and Facebook social media channels;
- Public presentation to TEC-RI's "Energy Day";

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• Informal briefing for Save The Bay;

• Upcoming "Eggs and Issues Breakfast" with Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce.

Copies of the circulated materials are attached as **Exhibit 1**.

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Meaghan Wims, Duffy & Shanley, Inc.

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EFSB 1-4: Please identify and briefly describe all permits, federal, state and

municipal, that Invenergy Thermal Development LLC has applied for

or intends to apply for and the status of each.

RESPONSE 1-4: The following table details the permits which will be required and their

status:

| Permit   | Agency  | Status   | Required Date  |
|--|---|--|--|
| License to Construct a<br>Major Energy Facility                  | Rhode Island Energy<br>Facilities Siting Board            | Permit application submitted October 2015.     | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Major Source/PSD Air<br>Permit                                   | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | Permit application submitted June 2015.        | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Title V Operating Permit   | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted after commencing operation.    | Application required within 12 months after commencing operation.                          |
| Acid Rain Permit   | US Environmental<br>Protection Agency                     | To be submitted prior to commencing operation. | Permit application to be submitted no later than 24 months prior to commencing operations. |
| Industrial Waste Water<br>Discharge Permit                       | Town of Burrillville                                      | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required prior to the first wastewater discharge.  |
| Order of Approval (Waste<br>Water Treatment)                     | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required prior to first wastewater discharge.  |
| RIPDES Multi-Sector<br>General Permit (Industrial<br>Stormwater) | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required prior to the first operational stormwater discharge.                              |
| RIPDES General Permit<br>(Construction Stormwater)               | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Special Permit   | Town of Burrillville                                      | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| CO2 Budget Permit  | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted prior to commencing operation. | Required for the commencement of operation.  |
| Permit to Alter a<br>Freshwater Wetland                          | Rhode Island Department<br>of Environmental<br>Management | To be submitted prior to construction.         | Required for the commencement of construction.   |

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| Permit  | Agency  | Status                                 | Required Date  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Individual Permit<br>(Wetlands)                 | Army Corps of Engineers                                 | To be submitted prior to construction. | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Determination of No<br>Hazard to Air Navigation | Federal Aviation<br>Administration                      | To be submitted prior to construction. | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Building/AST Permits                            | Town of Burrillville                                    | To be submitted prior to construction. | Required for the commencement of construction of applicable structure.   |
| Heavy Haul                                      | Rhode Island DOT  | To be submitted prior to construction. | Required for the delivery to site of the CTG, STG and HRSG Modules and Drums. To be issued prior to transporting |
| Above Ground Storage<br>Tank (AST) Permit       | State Fire Marshall                                     | To be submitted prior to construction. | Required for the commencement of construction.   |
| Assent/Waiver                                   | Rhode Island Coastal<br>Resources Management<br>Council | Request for waiver pending.            | Required for the commencement of construction.   |

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EFSB 1-5: With regard to the transmission line that will be constructed, please identify

the total length of the line, the total length of the line that would not be within the National Grid right-of-way, and the owner(s) of all other

property through which the line would pass.

RESPONSE 1-5: The line will be 6.8 miles long and located with National Grids Right of

Way (total length 6 miles) and across Spectra's property (0.8 miles) and the

project site at the switchyard.

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EFSB 1-6: Please superimpose over a map of the site information that depicts the

components for the facility, the access road and the transmission line, and

the route walked during the February 22, 2016 site visit.

RESPONSE 1-6: Please see the map, attached as **Exhibit 2**.

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EFSB 1-7: Please identify the buffer by types of vegetation and length in feet between

the facility and nearby residential areas.

RESPONSE 1-7: Approximate length in feet between the proposed facility and nearest

residential areas (single family houses): 2,700' southeast; 2,100' northeast; 4,000' northwest; and greater than 5,000' southwest. Existing land cover

type is mature forest.

RESPONDENT: John Niland, Invenergy Thermal Development LLC

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## INVENERGY THERMAL DEVELOPMENT LLC By its Attorneys,

#### /s/ Alan M. Shoer

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Tel: 401-274-7200 Fax: 401-751-0604 Dated: April 26, 2016

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 26, 2016, I delivered a true copy of the foregoing responses to the Energy Facilities Siting Board via electronic mail to the parties on the attached service list.

/s/ Alan M. Shoer\_

# EXHIBIT 1

#### THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER WILL BE THE MOST EFFICIENT, ADVANCED POWER PLANT IN NEW ENGLAND.

BURRILLVILLE'S WORKFORCE, THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND PASCOAG WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS WILL ALL BENEFIT.

#### New Local Jobs

During construction, we'll create more than 300 jobs right here in Burrillville. And once it's built, we'll have a staff of 25 workers to run the plant, many of whom will be from the local area.





#### Money for the Town

Our more than \$700 million investment will make us one of Burrillville's biggest businesses. We'll be the town's largest taxpayer by far, generating millions of dollars in new revenue for town services, schools, roads, or keeping property tax increases in check.

#### Restoring an Unusable Well

We will use water from a currently contaminated Pascoag Utility District well, which the town was unable to clean up due to the high costs. We'll be the Water District's largest customer, bringing in new revenue to the district without straining the system.





#### Lowering Electric Costs

Rhode Island has the seventh-highest retail electric rates in the nation. We'll help reduce that cost by adding new, more efficient generation capacity, resulting in an estimated \$280 million in cumulative savings for all Rhode Islanders.

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- HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS FOR LOCAL WORKERS
- CLEAN, HOMEGROWN ENERGY FOR RHODE ISLAND
- REDUCING EMISSIONS BY REPLACING AGING COAL PLANTS

The construction of this clean energy generation facility will create hundreds of jobs while delivering more affordable and reliable energy to our businesses and homes. We are tackling our regional energy challenges, committing to cleaner energy systems in the long-term, and putting Rhode Islanders back to work.

- Governor Gina M. Raimondo.



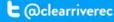
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The Clear River Energy Center is far from a "done deal," despite what some critics have claimed. The fact is, permitting a power plant is no simple task.

This project has to pass rigorous environmental reviews by the relevant governmental agencies including the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board.

Experts at these agencies will review our plans for everything from wastewater treatment to air quality, and from wetlands impacts to emissions.

We need numerous permits from several governmental agencies before we even put the first shovel in the ground. The experts will decide, and the review has only begun.

#### OFFICE HOURS

STOP BY TO LEARN MORE.

Members of Invenergy's team will be available at community "office hours" at Jesse M. Smith Library to meet with residents who want to learn more about the project.

Thursday, April 28th from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 100 Tinkham Lane

and 6 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3rd from 10 - 11 a.m.

Jesse M. Smith Library

Harrisville, RI

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE HEARD.

The Energy Facility Siting Board will hold its next public hearing on:

Tuesday, May 10th at 6 p.m.

Burrillville Middle School 2200 Broncos Highway Harrisville, Rhode Island

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# CLEANING UP A LOCAL WELL - WITHOUT BURDENING WATER SUPPLY

The Clear River Energy Center will have no impact on the local water supply. Simply put: The water supply can meet the needs of all existing homes and businesses and our project, without any strain on the system.

Here's how it will work: We'll supply all the water we need from a Pascoag Utility District well that has been unusable since a gasoline leak contaminated it back in 2001.

Cleaning up a dirty well: Finally, the Town will be able to move past a long history of water contamination. We'll pay to clean up that well by adding a new treatment system, which will remove the contaminants before the water leaves the system and arrives at the power plant. This is the same process commonly used in other parts of the U.S. to treat groundwater contaminated by gasoline. Even though the treated groundwater won't be used for drinking water supplies, the treatment process will bring that water to a level of purity that meets drinking water quality standards.

We'll be the only user tapping that well, and only treated water will leave that well. Only suitable water quality will arrive at the power plant, and we'll meet the limits necessary to send our wastewater to the town's treatment plant.

THE ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD WILL HOLD ITS NEXT PUBLIC HEARING





Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00pm



Burrillville High School 425 East Avenue, Harrisville, Rhode Island.



Public comments will be heard.





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## State-of-the-Art Burrillville Power Project Advancing with Filing of Project Plans with State's Energy Facility Siting Board

Clear River Energy Center will be a key piece in solving Rhode Island's energy challenges – and New England's most efficient power facility

**PROVIDENCE**, R.I., November 12, 2015 – Invenergy has filed its permit application with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) for the Clear River Energy Center, a state-of-the-art natural-gas fueled power generation facility.

The EFSB will review the application and is expected to schedule public hearings on the project over the next several months. In addition, Invenergy will host an Open House in Burrillville in the coming weeks.

"We're confident our project will play a major role in solving Rhode Island's energy challenges, bringing clean, affordable and reliable new energy to the state and the region," said Bryan Schueler, Invenergy's Senior Vice President of project development. "Not only that, but this facility will become a new economic engine for northern Rhode Island, employing hundreds during construction and dozens more over the life of the project. We're ready to invest in Rhode Island and its workforce to make this project a reality, and we look forward to the EFSB's review of our proposal."

Once approved by state and local regulators, construction on the Clear River Energy Center is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2016, with commercial operations expected by the summer of 2019.

Project benefits will include:

#### **Jobs and Economic Benefits**

- Invenergy plans to invest more than \$700 million in the new facility –
   Rhode Island's largest energy project in decades.
- Overall economic impact on Rhode Island's economy is projected at \$1.3
   billion between 2016 and 2034.

- Employing more than **300 local workers** in construction jobs and 25 full-time staff members when operational.
- Contributing more than \$3.5 million annually to the local economy in employee salaries.
- Clear River Energy Center will be one of the largest taxpayer by far in the Town of Burrillville. These payments represent millions of dollars annually in new revenue for the Town, with little to no impact on town services.

#### **Addressing Region's Energy Challenges**

- Rhode Island's average electricity costs rank seventh-highest in the country. The Clear River Energy Center is projected to result in \$70 million in annual cost savings for Rhode Island ratepayers.
- An advanced technology combined cycle generation facility, the Clear River Energy Center will be the most efficient natural gas-fired plant in New England.
- Adding between 850 to 1,000 megawatts (MW) to the regional grid –
  much-needed new capacity as aging, more polluting coal and oil plants,
  and the Pilgrim nuclear plant in Massachusetts, are slated to retire in the
  coming years.
- The project will be in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new Clean Power Plan as it relates to air quality and emissions standards.
- The use of new, highly efficient and flexible power generation will allow more renewables to be added to the regional electric generation network.

#### Cleaning up an unused well

The Clear River Energy Center will utilize a Pascoag Utility District well
that has been unusable since it was contaminated in 2001 – paying for a
treatment system that will remove the groundwater contamination over
time.

#### Cleaner energy and healthier air

- By displacing existing inefficient and more polluting sources of energy,
   Clear River Energy Center is expected to lower emissions of air pollutants in the region by the following amounts each year\*:
  - Carbon Dioxide (CO2): by 1,019,000 tons
  - Nitrogen Oxides (NOx): by 2,240 tons
  - Sulphur Oxides (SOx): by 2,762 tons.

(\* average annual reduction between 2019 and 2025)

#### About Invenergy

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development offices in the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan, and Mexico. For more information, please visit www.invenergyllc.com.

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#### Governor Raimondo to Announce Plans for "Next-Generation" Clean Energy Facility in Burrillville

#### Project to Employ More Than 300 Local Workers, Generate 900+ Megawatts of Power

#### WHAT:

Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo will join Michael Polsky, CEO of leading clean energy company Invenergy, to announce the company's plans to build the **Clear River Energy Center**, a state-of-the-art, natural gas-fueled power generation facility, in Burrillville.

The project will add more than 900 megawatts of clean, homegrown electricity to New England's grid, which is in need of new, cleaner, and more reliable energy sources as the region faces the retirement of aging power plants in the coming years.

Invenergy plans to invest more than \$700 million in the new facility and to hire more than 300 local workers to build and operate the facility. The Clear River Energy Center also will contribute millions of dollars in tax revenue each year to the Town of Burrillville.

WHO: Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo

Michael Polsky, President and CEO, Invenergy

Michael F. Sabitoni, President, Rhode Island Building and Construction

Trades Council

WHERE: Rhode Island State House

State Room, 82 Smith Street Providence, R.I. 02904

WHEN: Tuesday, August 4, 2015

10:00-11:00 a.m.



#### Leading Clean Energy CEO, Governor Raimondo Join In Announcing State-of-the-Art Clean Power Project; Key Piece of Solution To Rhode Island Energy Challenges

Clear River Energy Center will fill help meet the region's energy needs; result in \$280 million in electric rate savings; create more than 300 full-time construction jobs; and bring cleaner, healthier air to Rhode Island

**PROVIDENCE, R.I., AUGUST 4, 2015** – Michael Polsky, president, founder, and CEO of leading clean energy developer and operator Invenergy, was joined by Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo and other state and local leaders on Tuesday to announce plans for the Clear River Energy Center, a "state-of-the-art" natural gas-fueled power generation facility in Burrillville. The project will play a major role in addressing energy reliability and affordability challenges due in part from aging coal and oil plant retirements, and is projected to result in \$280 million in cumulative savings for Rhode Island consumers.

"The construction of this clean energy generation facility will create hundreds of jobs while delivering more affordable and reliable energy to our businesses and homes," said Governor Gina M. Raimondo. "We are tackling our regional energy challenges, committing to cleaner energy systems in the long-term, and putting Rhode Islanders back to work."

"Invenergy is excited about investing in Rhode Island and being part of the solution to energy challenges in the state and region," Polsky said. "Governor Raimondo has shown great leadership in working towards clean, affordable, reliable energy in the Ocean State, and the Clear River Energy Center will deliver just that."

Invenergy plans to invest more than \$700 million in the new facility, which would generate an overall economic impact to Rhode Island's economy of \$1.3 billion between 2016-2034. Facility construction would create more than 300 jobs for local workers, and once operational, it would employ 25 permanent skilled employees with total annual payroll of \$3.5 million.

"The Clear River Energy Center will create hundreds of well-paying construction jobs, exactly the type of work our local tradesmen and women need," said Michael F. Sabitoni, President of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council. "Rhode Island's workforce is ready to help build this project and to bring new energy to the region."

The Clear River Energy Center will be the most efficient natural gas-fired energy facility in New England. Using the world's most advanced power generation technology, the project will address the region's energy needs by adding more than 900 megawatts (MW) of clean, domestic electricity to the regional grid.

#### **Project Details**

The Clear River Energy Center will provide critical electric rate savings and increased reliability for Rhode Island families and businesses; deliver jobs and economic benefits to workers and communities; and bring cleaner energy and healthier air to Rhode Island. Benefits will include:

Electric rate savings and increased reliability: Rhode Island customers already pay the fifth highest retail electric rates in the country, and with New England's regional electric grid facing the retirement of approximately 6,000 MW of aging power plants, keeping rates in check presents a major challenge. The Clear River Energy Center will add more than 900 MW of new, cleaner energy to the regional grid. By displacing older, inefficient plants, Clear River is projected to save ratepayers \$280 million in cumulative savings between 2019 and 2022. Additionally, the project will allow ISO-NE to meet the current capacity shortage forecasted for the Rhode Island zone of the regional grid.

Jobs and Economic Benefits: The \$700+ million project will be Rhode Island's largest energy project in decades. The Clear River Energy Center will create more than 300 local construction jobs, and, when operational, employ 25 full-time staff members. The project will contribute more than \$3.5 million annually to the local economy in employee salaries. For Burrillville, the project will generate millions of dollars annually in new tax revenue, which can be used to support schools, libraries, police and fire services. Since the facility will have little-to-no impact on town services, the economic benefits should help reduce the property tax burden for homeowners for decades to come.

Clear River will also invest in well treatment and system upgrades, which should help the 1,200 water customers of the Pascoag Utility District by contracting on a long-term basis for industrial water supply. Plans for the Clear River Energy Center involve using water from two Pascoag Utility District wells that have been unusable since deemed contaminated in 2001. The Clear River Energy Center will pay for these wells to be reactivated and cleaned up over time.

Cleaner energy and healthier air: By enabling the transition away from older, less-efficient, and polluting coal and oil plants, Clear River will lower emissions of harmful pollutants in the region by the following amounts each year:

- Carbon Dioxide (CO2): by 913,000 tons
- Nitrogen Oxides (NOx): by 1,993 tons
- Sulphur Oxides (SOx): by 2,702 tons.

With fast start ability and the flexibility to vary energy production on demand, natural gas plants like the Clear River Energy center complement renewable energy technologies that vary output based on changes in wind speed and sunlight.

By reducing harmful carbon emissions and supporting the growth of renewable energy, the Clear River Energy Center will significantly contribute to Rhode Island meeting its Clean Power Plan goals.

Once approved by state and local regulators, construction on the Clear River Energy Center is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2016, with commercial operations expected by the summer of 2019.

The plant will be owned and operated by Invenergy, a leading clean energy company that has developed more than 9,000 MW of utility-scale wind, solar, and natural gas-fueled power generation and energy storage facilities in the United States, Canada, and Europe. This includes seven natural gas-fueled power generation projects in operation and construction, with a total capacity of more than 3,100 MW.

The Clear River Energy Center will propose connecting to the New England ISO. Currently, the project's permit applications are being prepared for submittal to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, the state's Energy Facility Siting Board, and the Town of Burrillville.

Invenergy currently is reviewing potential offtake opportunities for the project.

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#### **Quick Facts: The Clear River Energy Center**

#### What is the Clear River Energy Center?

Invenergy is proposing to invest about \$700 million in building the Clear River Energy Center natural gas-fired power plant on 20 acres in the Town of Burrillville. Using the industry's most advanced technology, the Clear River Energy Center will be among the cleanest and most efficient power plants in the country and, when fully built, could generate roughly 900 megawatts of energy for the region. Construction could start in 2017, with the plant up and running by 2019.

Local project benefits will include:

<u>Tax Revenue</u>: This project will contribute millions of dollars annually in property tax revenue for the Town of Burrillville and the Pascoag Fire District. It will be one of Burrillville's **largest taxpayers.** 

<u>Good local jobs</u>: The Clear River Energy Center will hire more than **300 local** construction workers – primarily members from Rhode Island's local labor unions – to build the facility. And we'll create **25 new, permanent, well-paid jobs** once the facility is operational.

#### Why do we need a new power plant in Rhode Island?

New England faces a looming energy shortfall – 4,200 megawatts will be coming off the grid by 2019, and a total of 10,000 MW in the next decade. Renewable energy alone can't fill that gap. We need a diversified energy mix, and it's clear natural gas must play a role in that energy portfolio.

The region's independent electric grid managers are planning for just that mix to meet our energy demand: Grid operator ISO-New England selected a variety of energy sources in their latest auction for future energy generation – including energy generation from the Clear River Energy Center.

#### What will this project mean for my electric bill?

The Clear River Energy Center will bring down energy and capacity prices, which will lead to lower electricity rates in Rhode Island – more than \$230 million in Rhode Island ratepayer savings in just the first four years of operations.

#### How was this site chosen?

The location of our proposed site, off Wallum Lake Road, is zoned for power generation and is close to a major gas pipeline and electrical lines. The site is well buffered by woods and more than 1,800 feet from the nearest residence. Taken together, these factors make this a potentially good fit for a power plant.

#### How will this impact Burrillville's water supply?

This project will have **a positive impact** on the local water supply.

The Pascoag Utility District will supply all the water we need from a well that has been unusable since a gasoline leak contaminated it back in 2001. The energy center will pay to reactivate the well, clean it up with a new treatment system, and install a separate, dedicated supply line from the well to the Clear River Energy Center. We'll be the only user of that well and our use will clean

up the existing groundwater contamination. Our wastewater will go directly to the town's treatment plant, just like any other property.

#### What will this project mean for air quality and Rhode Island's climate goals?

The Clear River Energy Center will be among the cleanest natural gas plants in the country – running much more efficiently than New England and New York's existing power plants. By displacing those older, less efficient power plants, we'll reduce carbon emissions in the region by more than one million tons each year.

The Resilient Rhode Island Act establishes economy-wide emissions goals for Rhode Island. Rhode Island is a small state geographically and interconnected to the New England electric grid. To meet the goals of the Act, reductions must be viewed on a regional basis. This approach is consistent with the Act, which obligates the Climate Change Coordinating Council to "work with other New England states to explore areas of mutual interest to achieve common goals," recognizing the regional nature of greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

#### What will be the visual and sound impacts?

The project is set back from the nearest residence by more than 1,800 feet and surrounded by wooded buffer, so there will be little to no visible impact. Combined-cycle plants like this one do not emit any odor. Normal operation of the project will meet Town noise limits (the ambient noise level in the neighborhood is currently above that limit).

#### What about truck traffic?

The Clear River Energy Center will collaborate closely with town officials on our work plan to minimize disruptions during construction, and we'll do that work only during daytime hours. A gas plant like this one requires little truck traffic during operation – much less traffic than the Ocean State Power facility.

#### What will this project mean for property values?

We do not anticipate any negative impacts to property values in town. Our infusion of tax revenue will strengthen the Town's tax base – and that could actually improve residential property values. As a further protection, we plan to offer a property value protection plan to direct abutters within half a mile of the plant itself.

#### What's the Town's role in this?

We need permits from a number of state agencies – including the Rhode Island Energy Facilities Siting Board and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management – to build our project. The Town of Burrillville is tasked with providing the energy siting board with an advisory opinion.

#### Learn more:

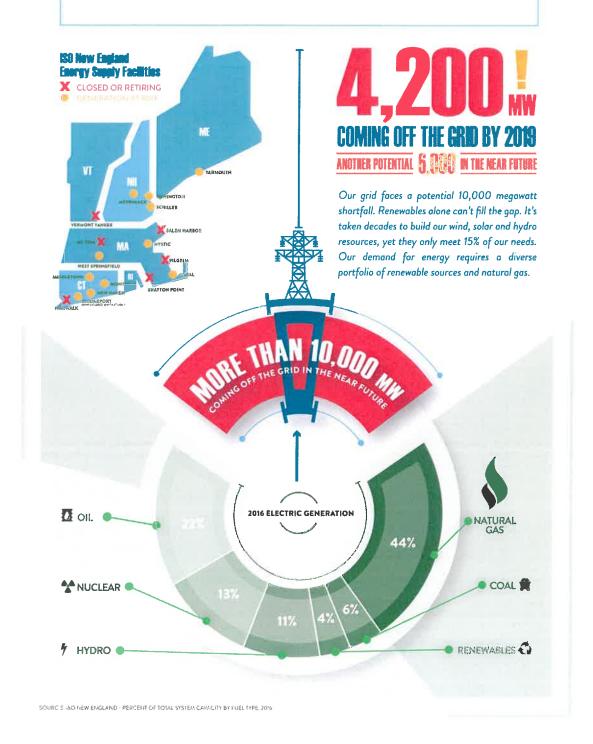
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# THE NEED FOR THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER

WE NEED TO ADD AFFORDABLE ENERGY RESOURCES TO MEET NEW ENGLAND'S GROWING NEED.



# CLEAR RIVER

#### Good Jobs for Local Workers

**During Construction:** More than 300 well-paying jobs for laborers, construction workers, and craftsmen.

**Upon Completion:** More than two dozen highly skilled workers for permanent, high-paying positions.

#### Better for the Environment

Replacing Older Plants: New England currently relies in part on old coal and oil plants to keep up with the region's energy demand. By adding more than 900 megawatts of high-efficiency, low-emissions energy to the grid, the Clear River Energy Center will displace older, less efficient and more polluting plants — helping to modernize the region's generating fleet and reduce New England's carbon emissions by hundreds of thousands of tons each year.

The Clear River Energy Center will use state-of-the-art emissions control technologies, making the facility among the cleanest natural gas plants in the country.

For its water needs, the project will pay to remediate a contaminated well in the Pascoag Utility District – cleaning up an existing environmental concern and avoiding any additional stress on existing resources.

### An Economic Engine for Burrillville

This project is a \$700 million investment by Invenergy, immediately making the Clear River Energy Center one of Burrillville's largest businesses. The facility will contribute millions of dollars in tax revenue over the life of project.

Invenergy will become Burrillville's largest taxpayer. This money can be used for town services and infrastructure.

A New England Leader: The Clear River Energy Center will put Rhode Island at the center of the region's advanced energy industry.

Facilitating Renewable Options: This plant will help facilitate the integration of more renewables into New England's grid by providing readily available power when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow.



For more information, please visit us at

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In the coming months, you'll likely hear a great deal about our company and our proposal to bring a new power-generation project to Burrillville. So we wanted to take the opportunity to properly introduce ourselves.

Invenergy is an international energy leader that owns, develops and operates power-generation projects across the country and around the world. With extensive experience in renewables like wind and solar as well as energy storage and natural gas - we have a proven track record as a clean, efficient and environmentally responsible company.

Jobs. Local tax revenue. Clean, homegrown energy. www.clearriverenergycenter.com

One of our latest endeavors is a state-ofthe-art natural gas plant proposed right here in Burrillville -- located on Wallum Lake Road in a rural section of the town.

It's called the:





The construction of this clean energy generation facility will create hundreds of jobs while delivering more affordable and reliable energy to our businesses and homes. We are tackling our regional energy challenges, committing to cleaner energy systems in the long-term, and putting Rhode Islanders back to work.



Governor Gina M. Raimondo.



#### Addressing New England's Energy Needs

As aging, coal and nuclear plants are retiring in the region, New England's electric grid is facing a potential of more than 6,000-megawatt shortfall. The Clear River Energy Center will help address this issue by adding more than 900 megawatts of highly efficient, locally produced power to the grid – without constraining natural gas supplies.

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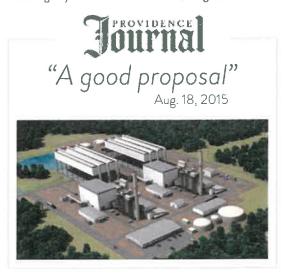
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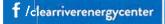
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Invenergy staff and other experts will be on-hand to provide more information and answer your questions about the proposed Clear River Energy Center. Refreshments will be served.

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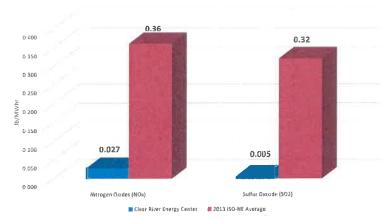
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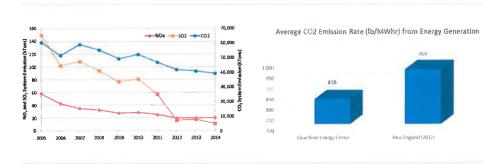
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### ADDITIONAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND







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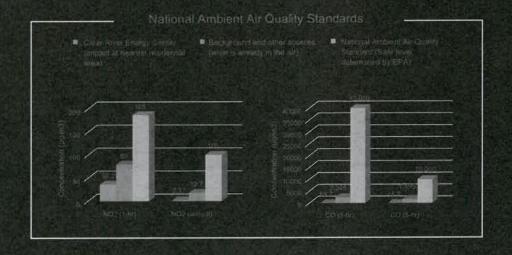
(\* AVERAGE ANNUAL REDUCTION BETWEEN 2019 AND 2025)
(\* FIGURES REPRESENT EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS AT CLEAR RIVER EMERGY CENTER'S FULL BUILD.)

## AIR QUALITY

- WE'LL REDUCE EMISSIONS BY REPLACING OLDER, MORE POLLUTING PLANTS REMOVING MORE THAN A HALF MILLION TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE PER UNIT FROM THE AIR EVERY YEAR.
- RIGOROUS AIR PERMIT PROCESS ENSURES AIR QUALITY WILL BE PROTECTED.



"Plant in Burrillville would out regional carbon dioxide emissions by more than previously forecast."



#### Journal



#### EDITORIAL: A GOOD PROPOSAL

Posted Aug. 18, 2015 at 2:01 AM

The public's reaction to a proposed gas fired power plant that Chicago based Invenergy wants to build in Burrillville ranges from enthiusastic support to much lots barred opportion—so strong that two people were willing to chain thorses/west on a fence and be arrested but week.

OF course, there are many concerns with such a project. Most notatly, the plant would further the region's dependence on natural gas, a fossil fuel that sends carbon emissions into the structphere.

But there appear to be many positives to this proposal, and they outweigh the negatives.

Backers say the proposed \$700 million, 900 migginist plant, screeng New England, would reduce our electronty costs, pravide some 800 construction jobs during a 30 manth build not, and produce 25 parmanent, full timerjobs. They also say the plant, using the latest technology, would be so efficient that it would probably deplace older plants that produce name carbon enascents. In other words, the plant would actually reduce carbon emissions in the New England region.

Gov. Gine Ramando noted the as the vaiced support for the project, raying "the only pitcer living to climate change, if there is one, as five take action to get sheed of it." This project would do that, she sood, by religing Rhode Island notice "forward with cleaner sources of energy" while doc creating jobs.

While tome have asked how Invenergy would get all the netural gas it would need for the plant to produce electricity, the company pays it would take the unusual move of signing a contract to lock in capacity. It appears that this, in turn, would carmin the company to paying for much needed expansions to part of the pipeline that supplies natural gas to the region.

All in all, there's a lot to like with this proposal. We have long supported the development of alternative sources of electricity, notably wind and solor power, but the technology and opporting due to yet exist foully replace ine fast cheaper natural gas that produces half the regard's electricity. The new gas freed plant, if built, would merely activateledge that reality, while reducing emissions and halping ratepayers and our local seconomy in the process.

#### **EDITORIAL: A WIN-WIN**

Posted Jan. 22, 2016 at 2:01 AM

As last week's meeting of the Energy Facility Siting Board made clear, there is no shortage of people who want their say on the plan to build a \$700 million power plant in the tawn of Burnkhille.

Some people, such as leaders of the 9,000 etrong Rivide Island Building and Construction Trades: Council, support the plan and point to jobs and lower electric rates as among the benefit. Others, such as the Consentation Law Foundation, are raising concerns about the plan or appose it because it would perpetuate the regions dependence on a fossil fuel and the carbon emissions: that come with 1

Name of this comes at a surprise. At 900 megaliatis, the gas fived plant would be the largest source of electronry in Rhode Island and one at the largest in New England. And yas, it extrainly would insike it easier for the region-to depend on natural gas as source af electricatly. But the question of of survival with the settler alternative? The answers in ov. We have long supported the development of alternative sources of electricity, including solar and wind prover. But until the technology and capacity exist to replace less coulty and more reliable natural gas, it makes no sense to say no to natural gas.

Invenergy, the Chicago based company that wents to build the plant, points out that the new facility would be more efficient than existing plants in the region and would probably replace some of tham—thus reducing the region's earthen emissions.

And then, of course, there are the economic benefits. Natural gas prices which spired during recent where seems of increased demand and limited expently in the pipelines feeding the region, would be cheeper with the new plant — in part because Inventryly has agreed to help pay for the expension of the line that would feed the plant. There would also be some 300 contraction jobs for the 30 months that the plant is being built and 25 full time jobs once it is florished.

Overall, there is much to like about this proposal. That is why Gov. Gina Raimondo and other pragmetic leaders of government and business are supporting it.

Those raising concerns are correct in the sense that, long term, burning fossificals not the direction we want to be going in. But for the immediate future, this plant is a step in the right direction — both from an environmental standpoint, and an economic one.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, MONEY FOR THE TOWN & NEW LOCAL JOBS







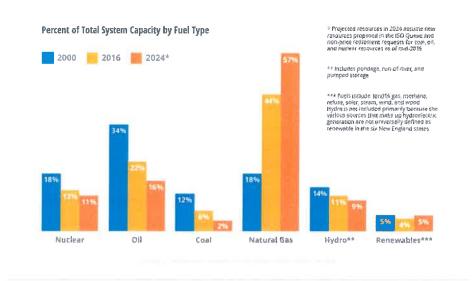
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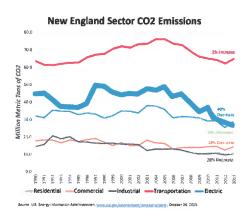
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- UP TO A \$700 MILLION INVESTMENT BY INVENERGY
- NEW ENGLAND'S MOST EFFICIENT POWER PLANT
- FIRST PHASE IN OPERATION BY 2019

## REDUCING EMISSIONS

NATURAL GAS-POWERED OUTPUT IN NEW ENGLAND HAS INCREASED 144% SINCE 2000, DISPLACING OLDER, HIGH-POLLUTING, INEFFICIENT COAL AND OIL ENERGY SOURCES.

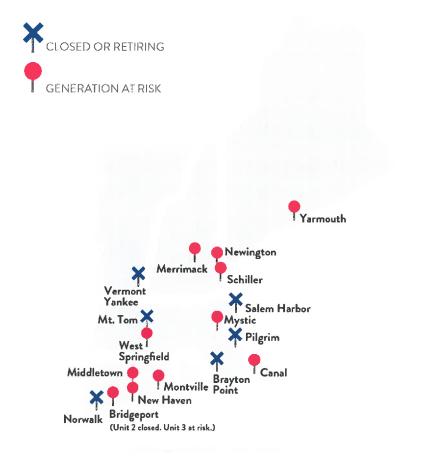


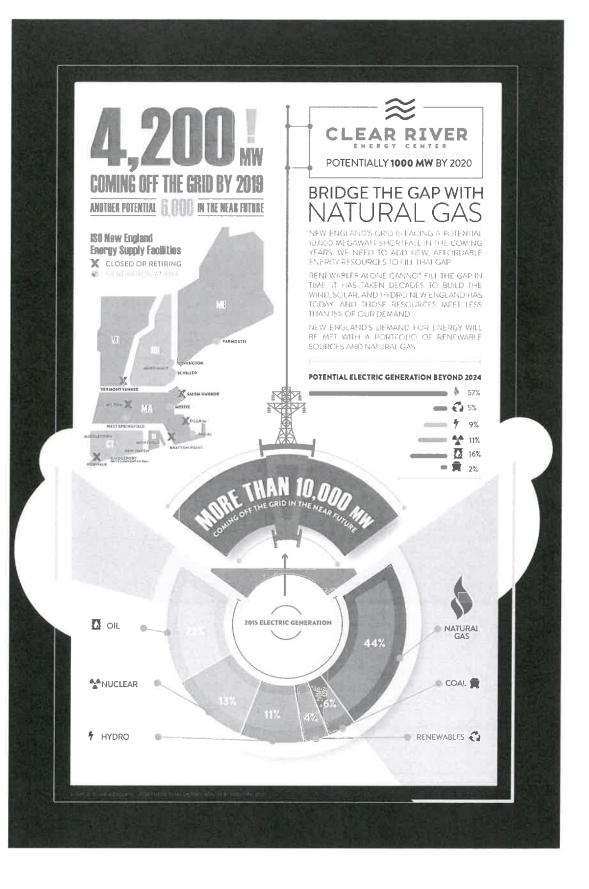
THE RISE OF CLEANER, MORE EFFICIENT NATURAL GAS HAS LED TO REDUCTIONS IN CO2 EMISSIONS ACROSS THE REGION, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE ELECTRIC SECTOR.



## THE NEED

- RHODE ISLAND HAS THE SEVENTH-HIGHEST ELECTRIC RATES IN THE NATION.
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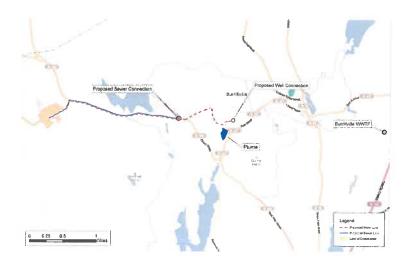


THE PROJECT WILL PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TREATMENT SYSTEM AND DEDICATED PIPELINE:

- WILL CLEAN UP THE CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER
- REACTIVATE AN UNUSABLE PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT WELL
- CREATE NEW REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT WITHOUT PUTTING A STRAIN ON WATER SUPPLIES

A RIGOROUS WATER REVIEW PROCESS ENSURES WATER QUALITY WILL BE PROTECTED AND ULTIMATELY IMPROVED.

WASTEWATER IS PLANNED TO BE SENT TO THE TOWN'S TREATMENT PLANT.





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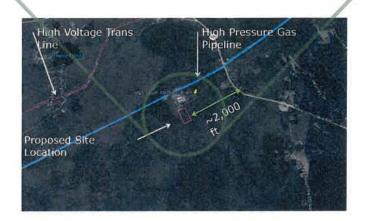
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BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND







## Invenergy: Plant in Burrillville would cut regional carbon dioxide emissions by more than previously forecast.

By Alex Kuffner Journal Staff Writer

Posted Nov. 13, 2015 at 6:52 AM

Invenergy is now saying that its proposed natural gas-fired power plant in Burrillville would lead to an even larger net decrease in regional emissions than the company had initially forecast.

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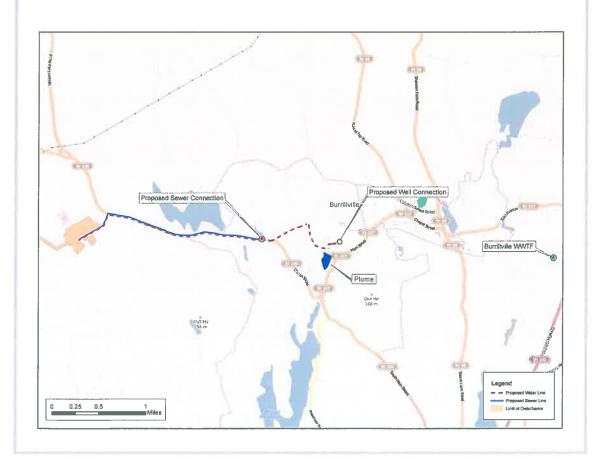
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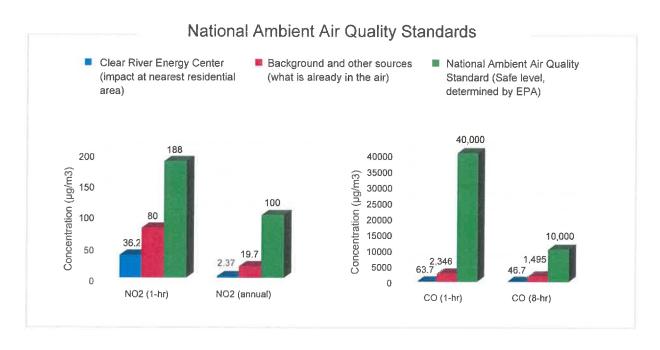
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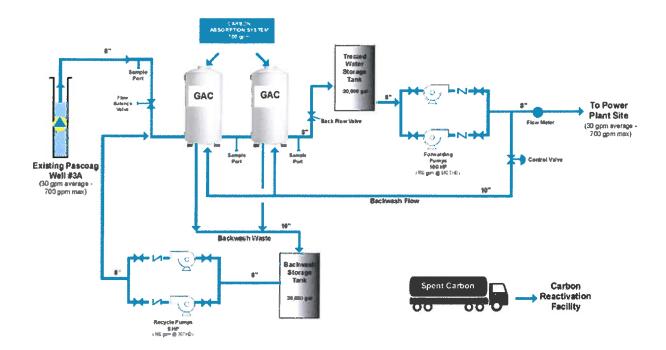
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