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To: Energy Facilities Siting Board

From: Betty Mencucci, Glendale

I am opposed to the siting and building of the Clear River Energy Power plant off Wallum Lake Road. In the 21st century we should be thinking about renewable clean energy and not putting money into a power plant that relies on fossil fuels that will contribute to increased climate change. I am opposed to this plant for many reasons:

- 1) I am horrified at the thought of taking over 100 acres of pristine woodland and changing it to an industrial wasteland. This will degrade the rural character of our town.
- 2) The number of large trucks and increased traffic that will be pounding our country roads to build this plant is more than this town can bear.
- 3) I do not like the fact that it will add industrial noise to this peaceful wooded section of town.
- 4) I am concerned about air quality. The plant will release methane and other hazardous contaminants that will degrade the health of the people in town.
- 5) I am concerned about groundwater depletion, wetlands degradation and water quality.
- 6) It is frightening to think that there will be a giant 2 million gallon oil tank on the site. All oil tanks eventually leak and when it does, the industry that made the contamination somehow vanishes and Burrillville will be left with the mess.
- 7) It will create a future brownfield site. Some day (30-50 years from now) when the plant closes, officials will determine that the area is not safe due to environmental contamination and Burrillville will be left with the mess. We already have several brownfields sites in town including the old Western Sand and Gravel toxic waste site and the old Mapleville Mill or Boliden Metech site. We do not want to invite a future superfund site to our town.

I feel that this plant is being shoved down our throats whether we want it or not. Burrillville is known for having some of the best drinking water in the state. We do not want to put that in jeopardy.

The people of Burrillville DO NOT want this type of industry. We pride ourselves with being rural with large tracts of wooded areas, abundance of wildlife and natural beauty. Whenever somebody new moves into town, they say, "I like Burrillville because it is out in the country, it is rural." Why should we be forced to compromise that?

I would advise the siting board to seek alternate methods of providing energy but if somehow you can't see past a power plant that relies on fracked gas and oil, and you don't have a vision for the future, then I ask you to PLEASE consider siting this power plant in an existing brownfield site. There are many power plants closing in New England. Why not rebuild on a site already destroyed by industry. Why take a beautiful pristine area and turn it into an industrial wasteland. Burrillville is better than that and you should not be forcing this upon us the residents.

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