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Energy Siting Board

Dear Sir or Madam;

My name is Edward Donahue and I reside with my fiancée Julia M. O'Rourke at 1065 Wallum Lake Road, Burrillville Rhode Island. We live in the immediate vicinity (less than ¼ mile) of the proposed Clear River Energy Center Project. I also own a house in Chepachet Rhode Island that is within the radius of pollution fallout of this project as illustrated by Inverenergy's own documents. Of course, I have a genuine interest in preserving my personal property rights and I am very concerned about the adverse economic impact that this project will have on my property value and that of my neighbors. Because of the close proximity of the project to my fiancé's home, I have serious concerns of the negative impact that pollution fallout will have on me and on family's health (exhaust emissions, water contamination and noise and light pollution. I'm concerned about our quality of life due to noise and traffic during the construction and long term site operation. As it is now I'm frequently woken up in the middle of the night by noise from the Algonquin compressor station. In the past year at my fiancé's house on Wallum Lake Road I have experienced noise and vibration of the house at times throughout the day and night due to activities occurring at the Algonquin Compressor station. The noise and vibrations from this existing site are extremely disruptive and negatively impacting our health and we are unable to sleep or enjoy the peace and quiet of our home. I'm concerned that the noise levels and vibrations are only going to increase during the construction and operational phase of this project. In addition to the disruptions previously stated I'm concerned with the long term impact of pollutants on the land and water in the area. While Inverenergy states that this plant will only increase pollution levels in New England by 1 percent or less the immediate area will see pollution increased by several hundredfold. I urge each and every one of you to take a stand to stop the Clear River Energy Project. Don't let short sighted people ruin this beautiful area of RI simply because it will provide 300 temporary and 25 permanent jobs. Those 300 jobs will be gone when the plant is finished but the negative effects of the plant will be felt for decades. In addition I would ask that the siting board, if it approves this project, make as a condition of acceptance, that no PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) plan be approved and that homeowners within 1 mile radius of the plant site be compensated on a monthly basis for the loss of enjoyment of their properties and, or require Inverenergy to purchase properties at fair market value if the homeowner so chooses. Fair market value being, the value of the property prior to the announcement of the proposed Clear River project.

Respectfully,

Edward P. Donahue