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Siting Board Public Hearing

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I believe that Invenergy has a collection of Plan B's that it has not shared with the public or with the Siting Board. Here are three examples:

1. In its initial application, Invenergy states that, "Water will be supplied to the Facility by the Pascoag Utility District in a dedicated supply line that will extend from " the Pascoag Utility District's well water carbon treatment facility " to the facility site. In addition, in Invenergy's Letter of Intent with Pascoag, we read that the "review and approval" of the pipeline and treatment facility will be the responsibility solely of the Pascoag consultant, and not Invenergy's well and pipeline consultant. This agreement further notes that, the Pascoag Utility District will be responsible for the construction and operation of the Treatment Facility, although Invenergy will pay for it. In crucial language, Invenergy also states that:

"Invenergy will not be liable for any condition, occurrence or presence of hazardous materials in Well 3A, or affecting the water emanating therefrom, and/or the toxicity of the water from Well 3A generally".

It seems clear that the Pascoag Utility District, and not Invenergy will be responsible for treating the highly contaminated water, and that its failure or inability to do so will be Pascoag's problem and not Invenergy's. Is this a Plan B for Invenergy If this highly contaminated, deadly water cannot be adequately treated?

2. This Clear River Energy Center will be pulling hundreds of thousands of gallons of water daily from Well 3A and the aquifer. This constitutes far greater usage of the well than when it was used to help fill part of Pascoag's water needs.

What if, over time, the Energy Center's needs drain the well and the aquifer, as several local people I've talked to, believe it will. Does Invenergy have a contingency plan, a Plan B? It would be relatively simple to secure water from other sources in the area. I believe that Invenergy is just an "emergency permit"

away from tapping Wallum Lake or Wilson's Reservoir or drilling into the aquifer that feeds them, when the need arises. Is this their Plan B, or what is their Plan B, if and when Well 3A runs dry?

3. Invenenergy plans to use Route 100 as the access to the site during the construction phase, and for the tankers that will be needed to refill the oil tank when it is in use, and for the tankers that may be needed to augment the water supply. The resulting traffic problems for Chepachet have already been noted. But Invenenergy will have another problem along this route, as Route 100 takes a left at the intersection in Pascoag. Immediately to the left of that intersection Route 100 crosses Leland Brook Bridge which, according to the DOT is weight restricted to fifteen tons. Much of the construction equipment as well as tankers will not be able to cross that bridge. Again, Does Invenenergy have a Plan B that we haven't heard about? Will they rebuild the bridge? Are they thinking of trying to use Sayles Avenue for such traffic? (!) We have also heard that Invenenergy is considering opening a sand and gravel operation on Buck Hill during the construction phase. Are any of these Invenenergy's Plan B to resolve the access issues it faces?

There is information that Invenenergy is keeping from the public and from the Board about its true plans and intentions.

The Siting Board's pace and process hamper the uncovering of this information. Invenenergy's plans for the Clear River Energy Center need to be more transparent before any serious consideration of its application is possible.

Thank you.