

Bianco, Todd (PUC)

From: Kerri Fagan <kfagan@northeast10.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 2:59 PM
To: Bianco, Todd (PUC)
Subject: Proposed Burrillville Power Plant

Mr. Bianco,

I am a Burrillville resident who is very much opposed to the proposed power plant by Invenergy. I grew up in Burrillville and have recently moved back, after many years living out of state. I currently live on Wilson's Reservoir, which is in close proximity to the proposed power plant. I am opposed to the power plant for many reasons, including environmental and quality of life. You may choose not to acknowledge it, but our way of life will be forever changed if this moves forward.

In this day and age, I cannot understand why we would be pursuing a power plant fueled by fracked gas. There are so many environmental issues with fracked gas, and we as a society are beginning to see all the issues. I was under the impression that the state supported a move towards clean energy and had interest in protecting the environment. In fact, I believe that as recently as February, the Governor stated her commitment to "clean and affordable energy," and in taking steps "forward to reduce our environmental impact and grow green jobs." I for one, would like to know how a fracked gas power plant can be described as either being green or taking steps towards reducing our environmental impact?

Burrillville is already home to one power plant, why should we be burdened with another one? If this is such an excellent tax deal that will result in wonderful jobs, I am sure that many other communities would be happy to have it (perhaps the community that you reside in).

I do have a few questions that I hope will be answered:

- How is it possible that with so many residents opposed to the proposed plant, it is still under consideration?
- Will an additional town meeting with the Energy Facility Siting Board be scheduled, since one of the board members was not able to make the first meeting? Clearly, a board member cannot vote on an issue when they have not heard all of the towns' concerns.
- Will you be working with Invenergy to assure that "buy outs" of residents in close proximity to the proposed power plant will happen? And at fair market value?
- How will the Resilient RI Act's carbon-emission-reduction target be met if the state is locked into a fossil-fuel future with this plant?
- With the recent results of the ISO New England Forward Capacity Auction showing that this additional power source is not needed and that the price of energy is expected to be reduced, WHY DO WE NEED THIS POWER PLANT?

I obviously do not really expect that I (or fellow residents) will receive direct responses from your office. And, it is generally understood that this is a "done deal," but I hope that members of the Siting Board will start to think of the Burrillville residents and what is best for their quality of life.

Sincerely,

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