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To the RI Energy Facility Siting Board,

The slick, glossy flyer came to all our homes this week: "The Need for the Clear River Energy Center." It's full of scare tactics and promises. Invenergy has a lot of money to spend, obviously. Whereas the citizens of Burrillville don't have the money to fight this. It would be a disastrous outcome for this multi-billion-dollar corporation to win the right to destroy our community just to use our natural resources to make more money. They don't care about us, as with all big corporations, they only care about dollar signs and their shareholders.

But let's get back to the 'need' they're talking about: We don't need the proposed power plant. Invenergy says RI doesn't have enough generating capacity, and retiring Pilgrim Power Plant will make this worse. It's simply NOT TRUE.

As you know the ISO's Forward Capacity Auction started February 8th of this year. The newly created SENE zone has plenty of generating capacity. It will require 10,028 MW of generating capacity. In the last auction, where there were two zones (SEMA/RI & NEMA, the ones combined to form the new one), their total capacity combined had 3,572 MW more than what was needed. Even without Pilgrim's 677 MW there is still an excess of 731 MW in the new SENE zone.

Here's what Invenergy really has to offer:

- The destruction of over 200 acres of woods and wildlife, and a natural spring on the proposed building site.
- The destruction of our quiet, rural community, as well as our roads, our clean air and the depletion of our water supply
- A faulty system of "cleaning" the MBTE poisoned well, where it will mostly be cleaned but enough poison will still be going into the Clear River and our sewers, as well as evaporated into the air, with this known carcinogen in it. (But it's colorless, so at least we'd be able to have a "clear river." The huge carbon filters will then have to be disposed of as toxic waste, and trucked out of state.)
- An unwanted second power plant in this small town
- Lower property values
- An unacceptable noise level

This plant is outmoded technology, no matter what they say (and they'll say anything, just like the power plant in the Berkshires that was just fined, but not shut down, for falsifying their pollution readings). The state of RI, the US and many countries around the

world have agreed to lower carbon emissions and this proposed plant would work against those goals. Instead we need to focus on renewable energy sources.

Please don't give this huge, out-of-state corporation a green light to destroy our beautiful town, known for its natural beauty. It would be a mistake for our area as well as globally.

We've been told by our town council and by our local senator and representative that this decision is yours. It comes down to you. Look around this room, please. We are Democrats, we are Republicans, we are rich, poor, middle class... We are old, young and middle aged. We've lived here for 5 generations, and we've only moved here in the last two decades (like me, moving here when my daughter was small). We've come together on this issue because we care about our quality of life now, and because we care about what kind of world we'll leave our children and our children's children (and your children too, this is not only a local issue). We're counting on you to do the right thing.

Thank you,



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