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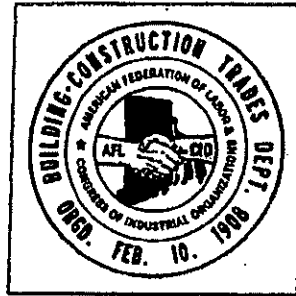
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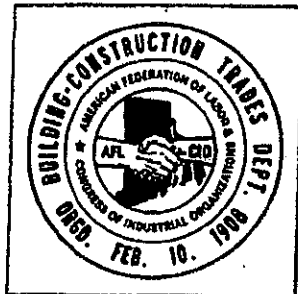
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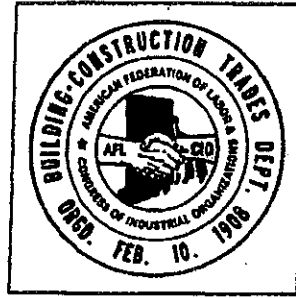
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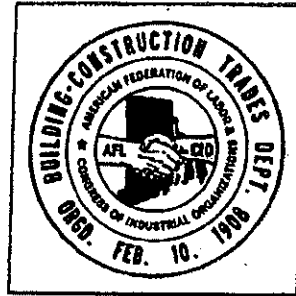
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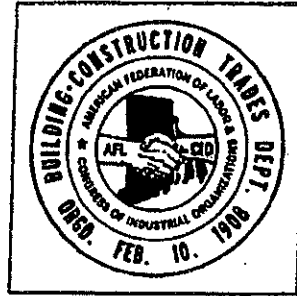
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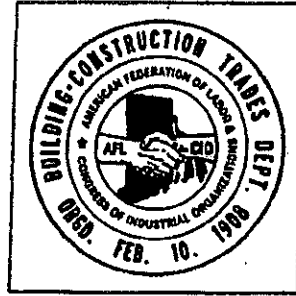
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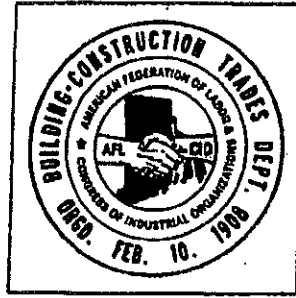
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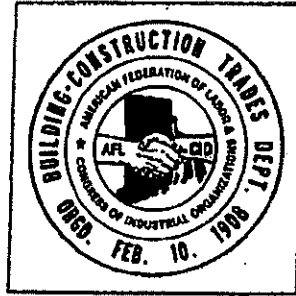
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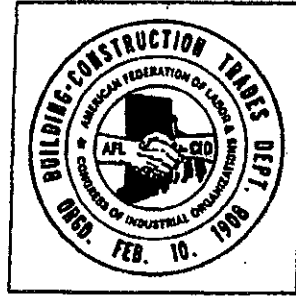
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The Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council (RIB&CTC) strongly supports the Clear River Energy Center which will provide more than 300 of our local union tradesmen and women with long-term construction jobs. The \$700-million project, one of the largest construction projects in the state, is an investment by Invenergy with no cost to Rhode Island's taxpayers. The state-of-the-art facility will reduce regional emissions by replacing ageing, less efficient and polluting coal and oil plants with one of the cleanest natural gas plants in the country. Subsequently, Clear River would serve as one of Burrillville's largest taxpayers, annually contributing millions of dollars into the town's coffers; money that Burrillville can use for services and infrastructure improvements. Moreover, it will significantly reduce energy costs to taxpayers. Currently, Rhode Island ranks as having the seventh highest electric rates in the nation.

Michael F. Sabitoni, RIB&CTC President states, "We are facing a regional energy crisis that threatens consumers and businesses. In order to invest and grow, RI businesses need energy cost reliability while consumers deserve relief from high energy prices. This project is also critical for our union craftsmen and women in the construction industry. It creates family supporting jobs that are desperately needed after a long and deep recession. Both the Burrillville and statewide economy will see huge dividends as newly employed workers invest in our communities by spending on local supplies, services and much more. We are respectful of both landowner and environmental issues but trust that the process will address those concerns. The Clear River project will provide a substantial economic boost for all involved as it provides employment opportunities to our tradesmen and women, pours millions of dollars in tax and ancillary revenue into our state's economy and substantially lowers energy costs for all Rhode Islanders. This type of large scale project, with its substantial benefits to consumers and businesses, doesn't come often and sends a strong signal that our state is open for business. We must act now on Clear River and continue to grow and move Rhode Island forward, in the right direction. Our energy and economic future depends on it."

*The RIB&CTC is a federation of sixteen local trade unions with approximately 9,000 members employed in the Rhode Island construction industry. The members of the council, all of whom live in and around the Rhode Island area, have been involved in every major construction initiative -public or private -undertaken in the State of Rhode Island for over a century.

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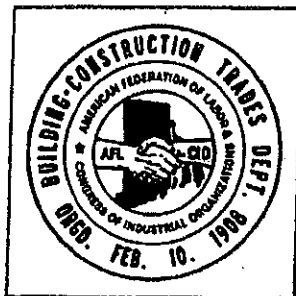
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