

My name is Tracey Keegan. I live at 44 West Road.

If you approve Invenergy's application, my house will be sandwiched between two power plants: Ocean State Power 3.5 miles down the road, and Clear River Energy 1.5 miles the other way down the road.

I have lived in Town for 13 years, my husband and his family have been here over 33 years.

Over the past three months, I've spent almost every spare moment I can reading and learning about this proposed plant, and trying to encourage and inform others to do the same. I have attended countless meetings and have exchanged hundreds of emails. It has become my second job to help inform others of this unnecessary burden to our town that could ultimately cause great devastation within our small community.

This plant has taken time away from my family and my three daughters. When I leave the house now, my daughter says "oh let me guess, another power plant meeting".

I have explained to her that I'm doing this for her and her sisters and I want Burrillville to be left the way she knows it now, clean and pristine, in case she ever decides to graduate college and come back here one day to raise HER family.

My father spoke earlier; he is fairly new to this Town. And I found myself at his house recently discussing (what else) the power plant. I said to him, Dad, I just don't understand. I'm not in the path of the trucks, and I won't hear the noise this plant will create. So why is this bothering me so much? And his answer: BECAUSE IT'S WRONG.

Because all of us here know that building this plant in this location IS WRONG.

I will not bore you with the information that has already been presented tonight and at the previous EFSB meetings. But I will give you a list of reasons why you should deny this application.

1. An Environmental Impact Study was performed for Ocean State Power in 1988. One of the alternate sites identified is the SAME PIECE OF LAND INVENERGY IS LOOKING TO USE. This piece of land was thrown out because it did not meet the criteria and was too resourceful to destroy. So what has changed in 28 years? Maybe the addition of more plants and trees.
2. According to the Attorney General of Massachusetts, “under business as usual circumstances, the region can maintain electric reliability through 2030, even without additional new gas pipelines”.
3. The MTBE contaminated wells that were court ordered to be permanently capped: the state of RI clearly felt that this water was unsafe for consumption and unsafe for the aquifer. So why is it safe to use now?
4. The route proposed in Invenergy’s application includes crossing a bridge with a 15 ton maximum load. The average tractor trailer weighs 36.3 tons. Coincidentally, the sign on this bridge has recently been taken down, however I was able to look up the bridge’s capacity on the Department of Transportation’s website. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Highway Loss Data Institute, “Fifty-nine percent of deaths in large truck crashes in 2014 occurred on major roads other than interstates and freeways”, and “Forty-seven percent of large truck crash

deaths in 2014 occurred from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.” This is the time when we put our CHILDREN on the bus to head off to school, and we head to work. These statistics PROVE that someone will be killed in an accident with a tractor trailer during construction of this plant. Statistics DO NOT LIE.

The bottom line is simple: This is not a case of NIMBY-ISM. We DO NOT NEED THIS PLANT. And I can assure you that the outstanding group of people sitting here before you who have already spoken, and those WILL be speaking, are both educated and as passionate about this Town as I am, and we will CONTINUE to educate ourselves and inform others until this board DENIES THIS APPLICATION.

Thank you.