

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
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WEST GREENWICH, RI 02817

May 4, 2016

Energy Facility Siting Board
Attn: Margaret E. Curran, Chairperson
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Chairperson Curran,

The West Greenwich Conservation Commission is writing to you to express our concerns about, and opposition to, the power plant proposed by Invenergy to be sited in Burrillville. We have carefully considered the letter to you from State Representative Keable and Senator Fogarty, dated April 7, 2016, and we are in total agreement with the points they raise and the arguments they make against this project, and we would respectfully urge you to deny the application by Invenergy for this site as the danger to the natural resources and residents there is far too great.

As a Conservation Commission we are concerned not only for the natural environment and its wildlife but also for the well-being and health of the human residents of our town and state. We believe that this power plant would constitute a serious threat to that health and well-being not only to the residents of Burrillville but also to those in the rest of the State due to its impact on the Resilient Rhode Island Act of 2014, which calls for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. It is very likely, if not certain, that this power plant would make it impossible to meet the benchmarks for those reductions as set forth in the Act.

We think that the State of Rhode Island should be strongly encouraging and promoting renewable and non-polluting forms of energy generation rather than permitting more environmentally destructive and highly polluting fossil fuel-driven facilities. Allowing the type of power plant being proposed by Invenergy would tie Rhode Island to the long lifetime of another fossil fuel facility at a time when alternative forms of energy production have become totally viable options that are being pursued all around the world. Please help Rhode Island advance into a cleaner future by denying Invenergy's application for this power plant.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Novak
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Burrillville Land Trust/RIACC

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