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QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CLEAR RIVER ENERGY PLANT

- (1.) The pressurized gas line passes through many hundreds of miles of unsupervised and unattended stretches of land on its way to the Clear River. What is the possibility of sabotage by a foreign entity? It would seem easy for teams with trained explosives capability to damage, sever, or otherwise disrupt the flow of gas. In the event of such disruption, how long could the plant remain operational and are there such contingency plans?
- (2.) Fracking is presently a controversial operation. There are numerous reports and studies indicating a relationship which correlates fracking with contamination of ground water and aquifers as well as possible changes in underground geology resulting in the possible buildup of seismic activity. The state of New York which has substantial deposits of frackable gas has legally prohibited fracking. If within another decade, other states within the shale field opted to cease the production of fracked gas, could the Clear River plant still remain operational? And under what conditions could it remain a viable and economical producer of energy with a substantial reduction of a gas supply?
- (3.) In Mr. John Pacheco's August 4, 2015 Press Release, he states that the Town of Burrillville will take an active role in protecting the best interests of our community. Normally the developer will seek a tax agreement with the Town and the Town will aggressively negotiate such an agreement. If the citizens/property owners prefer, would the Town consider or offer an annual cash advance in lieu of adjustments to the tax rate? Tax rates can easily be manipulated to siphon off or mask other financial uses and be hidden from the public. An annual cash advance would be helpful in ameliorating financial hardships to citizens who might be adversely affected by air quality, water quality, or any number of degradable environmental issues.

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