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The Energy Facility Siting Board for the Invenergy Power Plant in Burrillville RI **March 31 2016 meeting**

My name is Irene Watson. I have a lovely dream home on Jackson schoolhouse rd about 2500 feet from the proposed plant. As expected I have a number of concerns including:

1) Noise level intruding into my serene lifestyle. I am in the 38 dc range which per Invenergy will be added to the current 50 dc range present. Right now since the expansion of the compressor station the gas plant has a loud rumble at peak blow off lasting about 15 minutes 4 - 5 times a day/ Although annoying it doesn't really bother me. However I was informed at the Invenergy open house that added level would be constant level rather than intermittent. I can't quantify how this will affect the quality of my life.

2 My second concern is the value of my home which is my life's achievement, due to the proximity of the plant. Who will want to live in what was a wonderful country area with an electric plant that is noisy odiferous and unhealthy? The Invenergy open house indicated I am located in an area that would be considered for reimbursement of an agreed appraised value within a certain time frame. My research indicates that that American Power Energy in Blackstone Mass bought out all 54 homeowners in the area at above market value and later resold them 36% below market value at a total cost of 2.1 million dollars in their attempt to avoid litigation and to keep good relations in the community. **If this siting board allows this plant to be built I ask for that kind of buy out.** I should not have to reduce the price by 35%! I stress I do not want to move!! I love it here but I do not want the noise, MBTE, benzene, arsenic and water problems. Once property values decline it will be a ripple effect as comps from real-estate agents compare like homes in the town. Ultimately it will affect the entire town's values.

When home values go down in a town then taxes must be raised to offset that revenue. Possibly our town is negotiating in secret now for compensation for that tax revenue. Or possibly it will be rolled into Payment in Lieu of taxes (PILOT). I don't know because although I have visited the web site as recommended there are no answers. Even when you write in to the web site there are no replies!

I have to admit if the town negotiated a deal that this 700,000,000 million dollar plant had to pay taxes like any other business in town then I would have to say that IS a great deal. But just like Ocean State Power they won't do that. It will be a sweetheart deal and your taxes will not go down. The best case scenario is 6 million in taxes which averages out to 95cents per person per day. Most likely though it will be lieu of taxes SETTLEMENT THAT EVOLVES OVER A SET PERIOD OF TIME. Is losing our air, water, quiet, wildlife, and the beautiful management area really worth that?? I am a health professional and MBTE= CANCER, benzene = CANCER. after 38 years of being a nurse I can tell you cancer is not pretty!! The kind of cancers most likely with MBTE and benzene exposure are leukemia and multiple myeloma.

Filtering MBTE which is tightly bound in the water is NOT easily done. Even if successful 5% will still remain. That doesn't sound like much but when the plant uses over 900 gallons per minute out of the

contaminated well and evaporating 2/3 of that into the air..... and it mushrooms out of the 225 towers diffusing out over all the Burrillville villages..... then it is significant.

So who looks out for us the people who had no other agenda except trying to live in a quiet rural community? Invenenergy writes in their Brochure--- Burrillville will be a leader in Energy production for New England. WHO CARES. WE didn't ask for this distinction.!!

Follow the money!!! Invenenergy is a private company interested in profits and beholdng only to their investors. The town is interested in 6 million dollars. The RI Dept of Health wants the well cleaned up- anyway it can. The state representatives have a personal professional agendas and need to get "something done", The Governor wants to say she created jobs.... never mind if they are for people in other states or even countries, the unions want jobs for a year or two even if it means hurting some neighbors in the process, some residents in town want tax relief and the people who will be affected by this plan just want to live! What is more important than that I ask??WE elected the town council and politicians to represent us and look out for our wellbeing. SO WHAT ABOUT THE SITING BOARD?

Well In RI it is not a referendum that determines this power plant we must rely on the Energy siting board and **siting** board is key in that title. I was reminded recently they have a predisposition to have the plant approved. It isn't called the "should we site board". Unfortunate for us that the Towns only gets to set the taxes . Unfortunate that carpenters and resident's can't build homes or cut trees in a wetland BUT it is ok to destroy wetlands, build a 61 acre power plant right next to a state management area that the whole state enjoys. Why expand the Washington Park Campground to allow more people to be exposed to hazardous chemicals? Hopefully other meetings will be held to inform others in the state of the threat to this jewel of a recreation area. Inform them of the potential for leaking 2 million gallon oil tanks and 40,000 gallons of deadly ammonia. Not to mention Burrillville nor Gloucester has the emergency infrastructure for such a disaster.

I have heard is look at the web site.....I tell you it has NO answers. Of course the experts paid for by INVENERY haven't come in yet. I have also heard town council members say, " Well it is not in my back yard". Another one when asked if he was going to a forum on the plant commented, " That is bullshit.". Those comments are offensive and only demonstrate the indifference to the residents of the town they serve. The residents that pay for their paycheck. Others representative say, " There is nothing I can do... it is a done deal. Then why do we elect you? What do we need you for? It is very nice if you have a professional agenda but you SAID that helping the town was your concern. Now granted 6 million dollars is a lot of money however it averages out to 95 cents a day.

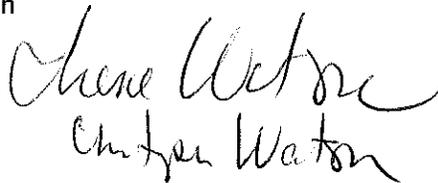
I must address the issue of JOBS. I have had a husband without work during 2008 so I know the heartache financial struggle. My dad is a lifetime union worker that owes his retirement to a strong union. I must say after researching the job issue the deceit is astounding. Invenenergy predicts 300 construction jobs. Yes cutting trees, clearing land, plumbing, electrical work sure I see it.... but for a limited time. Let's not kid ourselves these high tech jobs of constructing the plant will not be done by Rhode Islanders for the most part. Go up to the site now on any given day and you will see Ontario license plates. After the construction there will be 24 jobs.....24 jobs!!! Ok 2 years of intense craft construction jobs but then...how many years do we put up with the repercussions. To quote Carol Maiello from the Blackstone Daily news , " Historically the track record of power plants was a legitimate source of concern (in Blackstone) . Emissions violations , water usage and links to serious health concerns abound" In fact in 2001 the gas fired power plant in Milford received one of the largest fines for emissions violations at a 1.1 million dollar penalty for polluting the air with nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide and ammonia. All plants have snafus. It is not a question of if but when. and how bad!

AS PER SECTION 1.13 ON 22 OF THE HEARING RULES NUMBER 4 STATES, " THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL NOT CAUSE UNACCEPTABLE HARM TO THE ENVIORNEMENT . I ASK AS DETERMINED BY WHOM? WE NEED TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT ENVIORNEMNTAL IMPACT STUDY DONE TO DETREMINE WHAT THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF HARM TO THE ENVIORNEMENT WOULD BE. CURRENTLY after a number of reduction in workforces RI DEM HAS NO ONE CAPABLE OF THAT TASK.

IN CONCLUSION ACCORDING TO NUMBER 5 "THE PROPOSED FACILITY **SHOULD** ENHANCE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE STATE.... AND I WOULD ADDNOT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF BURRILLVILLE. WE HAVE DONE OUR SHARE with Ocean State Power Plant and the Gas compressor station. Enough for Burrillville. NO new power plant....Please!

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