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Dear ESFB:

In the northwest corner of Rhode Island there is a gem, rich in natural resources, history and heritage. The rural community of Burrillville, Rhode Island has been my home since the day I was born. There are many generations of families that have lived in our town for many years. Recently, life as we know it is being threatened by the idea of the building of a 1,000 megawatt natural gas power plant. This power plant is being proposed to be built in the heart of our valued forests. Invenergy's proposal does not fit the environmental nature or rural character of our town or the surrounding towns in the northwest tristate area of Rhode Island.

In this northwest region of the Blackstone Valley Corridor you will find beautiful state parks such as Pulaski Memorial State Park, campgrounds and Cub World. It is also the home of the Buckhill and George Washington Management Areas where patrons can enjoy hiking, fishing, camping and hunting. Invenergy's power plant would have a direct negative impact on all of these areas and surrounding areas. Wallum Lake is one of the cleanest fresh water lakes in Rhode Island and is a valued water source for Zambarano Hospital. The integrity of this lake would also be damaged. Wallum Lake is a valuable natural resource that needs to be protected.

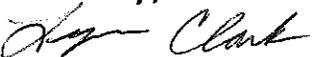
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Burrillville has already done its part and paid its dues by sustaining the Trans Canada Ocean State Power Facility. We also have the Algonquin Natural Gas Compressor Station in our town. Burrillville residents have endured a great tragedy of being poisoned by a well that became contaminated with MTBE from a Mobile gas station. The MTBE leaked into our water supply and was being piped directly into our homes for months. People became very ill and homes smelled of gasoline! Yes, we know firsthand that accidents do happen! Finally, after a two month battle, the well was shut down by the Department of Health and a court order. Letting Invenergy open this well to filter and use for their power plant would be done at the risk of unleashing these pollutants to cause more destruction.

The loss of critical forest environments, natural resources, plant and animal species along with the health and safety risks this power plant would bring to our region is not worth it! Please consider the negative impact this power plant would have on our community and surrounding towns and realize this is the wrong location for Invenergy's natural gas fired power plant.

Sincerely,


Lynn Clark