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PUC Public Hearing

Invenergy Docket #4609

Dear Commissioner DeSimone,

At a time when climate change is becoming more evident and the world is moving towards energy independence and renewables, it is evident that allowing Invenergy to build a 1,000 mw fracked- gas power plant in Burrillville, RI would be a huge mistake.

Recently, I've done a lot of research on the matter of energy production and power plants. It has been stated that although Invenergy claims that there is a need to build this power plant, the reality is that the energy they sold in the ISO's Forward Capacity Auction in February 2016 is in excess of what is needed in the ISO's requirements. The ISO needed to clear 10,028 MW in the southeastern New England region. Invenergy sold less than half, 485 MW, of its proposed 1,000 MW in the latest auction. FCA – 10 secured 11,384 MW in the SENE zone. How can Invenergy claim their power plant is needed??

They claim to be replacing older coal burning facilities with this power plant. However a fracked gas and diesel oil burning facility is not any better than coal. From energy justice website- "After approximately 400 new gas-burning power plants were built since the late 1990's, there is now 37% more natural gas electric generating capacity than coal. However, more than half of that capacity is not used." "Natural gas burning power plants are a major source of air pollution. A 1,000 MW gas plant can legally release over 3 million pounds of regulated air pollutants a year." I say no thank you!!

The only need apparent to me is the need of big corporations to make a boatload of money as fast as they can, before everyone wakes up and finally puts a stop to this horrible practice of making money at the expense of our beautiful country. <sup>f</sup>→

We are looking for real clean energy solutions and we conserve every day. It would be a shame to lose such valued forested wildlife area when it can easily be avoided, We are not in an energy shortage and it doesn't appear that we would be anytime soon. Please save our town and advise the EFSB to not site Invenergy's proposed power plant. We have nothing to gain from them but a whole lot to lose.

Sincerely,

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