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Mr. Herbert DeSimone, Esq.  
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**Re: Invenergy Public Comment**

Dear Commissioner DeSimone:

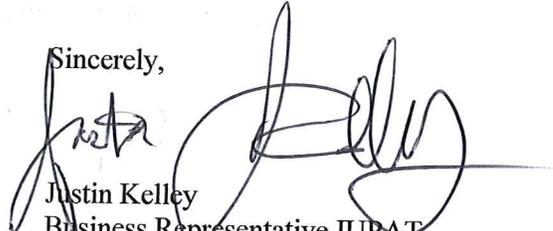
I am the Business Representative of the Rhode Island Painters Union, District Council 11 Local 195. Collectively, we have approximately 500 members, most of whom live in Rhode Island and some of whom live in Burrillville. On behalf of the members of my Local Union, I am writing to urge the State of Rhode Island Public Utility Commission to draft an advisory opinion that will support the construction of this facility.

This proposed power plant is clearly needed for several respects:

- 1) The employment opportunities for local skilled craftsmen and women. Since 2007 unemployment in the construction sectors has hovered around 40%, and it is still higher than any other sector. This project will create much needed jobs forthwith for sector that has been devastated by the Great Recession of the past few years.
- 2) With up to three different power plants going "off-line" in the near future this energy will certainly be needed.
- 3) One of the reasons why the construction industry had 40% unemployment since 2007 is because our region and indeed our state is not economically competitive with other areas of the country if not the world. Having the energy created by this project will help stabilize, if not lower energy costs, which will in-turn make this region of the country somewhat economically competitive. Job opportunities for our members and the construction industry are directly tied to how competitive it is do business in this region. Accordingly, the more competitive our region of the country the more opportunities for local skilled craftsmen and women and our economy in general.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
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