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March 10, 2017

Dr. Todd Bianco, Coordinator Energy Facility Siting Board 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

Re:

Invenergy Thermal Development LLC - Clear River Energy Center

Docket No. SB-2015-06 Resolutions – Set #2

Dear Dr. Bianco:

As you know, this office represents the Town of Burrillville in this matter.

Enclosed for filing in this docket is a second package of City/Town Resolutions which have been adopted in opposition to the proposed Clear River Energy Center. The package contains the following Resolutions:

- 1. The Town of Thompson, Connecticut, adopted August 2, 2016.
- 2. The Town of Glocester, adopted October 6, 2016.
- 3. The Town of Middletown, adopted October 17, 2016.
- 4. The Town of Richmond, adopted November 15, 2016.
- 5. The Town of Cumberland, adopted December 7, 2016.
- 6. The Town of Foster, adopted December 15, 2016.
- 7. The City of Providence, adopted February 10, 2017.
- 8. The City of Central Falls, adopted February 13, 2017.
- 9. The Town of Warren, adopted February 14, 2017.

- 10. The Town of Douglas, Massachusetts, adopted February 16, 2017.
- 11. The Town of Barrington, adopted March 6, 2017.
- 12. The Town of West Warwick, adopted March 7, 2017.

This brings the total to 33 municipalities that to date have passed formal Resolutions opposing the Clear River Energy Center.

Please bring the enclosed second package of Resolutions to the attention of the Energy Facility Siting Board and ask them to consider them as an important part of the evidence presented by the Town of Burrillville in opposition to the Clear River Energy Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. McElroy

cc: Service List

Burrillville Invenergy EFSB EFSB3



### Board of Selectmen

August 2, 2016

Members of the State of Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board 100 Orange Street Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable Members of the Energy Facility Siting Board,

The undersigned Board of Selectmen is submitting this letter to show its concerns and opposition with the construction of a power plant within the town of Burrillville, RI.

The Thompson Board of Selectmen has been provided with various testimony and concerns from its citizens in regard to the construction of the proposed 1000 Megawatt Power plant. Its members have also participated in public meetings within Rhode Island and Connecticut, speaking with individuals well-versed on the matter. Board members have also individually researched the project, its submitted proposal and other related documentation.

One issue that has the Thompson Board of Selectmen interested in expressing its concern is that of the utilization of a well previously sealed off as the result of carcinogenic contaminants. It is our understanding that over 222,000 gallons of water per day would be drawn through the MTBE contaminated well, which residents have stressed could cause a significant risk to surrounding towns such as Thompson. It is unclear to the Board the impact that this project would have to the town of Thompson's water sources, such as our lakes and ponds, as well as aquifers and ground water, another factor that has its members alarmed.

The proximity to the town of Thompson, in addition to the already existing power plants raises our apprehensions when it comes to the integrity of existing ecosystems within our municipality. Further diving into the vicinity of the proposed power plant, the Board expresses its uneasiness with potential increased light, noise and air pollution as the result of a facility of this magnitude.

Taxpayers within the town of Thompson are also troubled with the impact such a facility would have on property value; overall health concerns have been vocalized at recent public meetings within our town.

The Thompson Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that you consider the environmental and health impacts such a facility will have on your state, neighboring states, communities and our children. As a town which has lush, recreational and natural resources within it, Thompson wishes to keep the integrity of the town intact. We are confident that you will stand with the residents of Thompson, CT and the Board of Selectmen when the project comes to a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Beausoleil

First Selectman

Shaina Smith

Selectwoman

Stephen Herbert

Selectman



#### TOWN OF GLOCESTER

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Todd Anthony Bianco, Coordinator Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) Public Utilities Commission Office Building 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

Mr. Bianco;

At their meeting of October 6, 2016, the Glocester Town Council unanimously passed a Resolution, entitled:

#### **Resolution # 2016-18**

In Support of the Burrillville Town Council's Opposition of the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI

The Council, in their Resolution, stated they would like to submit the attached resolution to the R.I. Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) for "consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI."

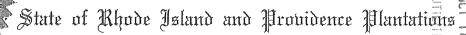
If you have any questions for the Council or myself, please feel free to contact me at 568-6206 ext. 201 or email me at jeanfecteau@glocesterri.org.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC

Glocester Town Clerk

PUBLIC UTILLITIES COMMISSION



## Town of Glocester

**Resolution # 2016-18** 

In Support of the Burrillville Town Council's Opposition of the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted an extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearings the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impact on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Glocester Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of the Town of Burrillville as well as residents throughout the State of Rhode Island expressing concerns to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Council of the Town of Glocester, do hereby support the Burrillville Town Council regarding their stand on the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution of the Glocester Town Council be submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI.

Walter M.O. Steere, III

Glocester Town Council President

Dated this 6th day of October 2016

ean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

ATTEST: A true copy of Records

of the Town of Glocester

Town Clerk

#### RESOLUTION

#### OF THE

#### TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

#### NO 2016-76

WHEREAS: On October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development

LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB), and

WHEREAS: In the months since the filing of that application, the Town of

Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others, and

WHEREAS: After considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning

Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center, and

WHEREAS: The Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax

Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville, and

WHEREAS: During the past eleven months, many citizens of the

Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property,

environment, water and traffic, and

WHEREAS: The Middletown Town Council joins with the citizens and

officials of the Town of Burrillville as well as residents throughout the State of Rhode expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in

Burrillville, RI.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED. That we, the Middletown Council of the Town of Middletown, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in

Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, That this resolution of the Middletown Town Council be

submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI.

October 17, 2016

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL

Jundy JW) Maushall Wendy JW Marshall, CMC Town Clerk



### Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, RI 02898 (401) 539-9000 x 9; Fax: 539-1089 www.richmondri.com

November 16, 2016

Governor Gina Raimondo State House, Room 224 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo,

At a meeting held on November 15, 2016, the Richmond Town Council voted unanimously to support the attached Resolution from the Town of Burrillville opposing the siting of the Clear River Entergy Center in Burrillville, Rhode Island. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Sarah S. Rapose Richmond Town Clerk



### Town of Richmond, Rhode Island

5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, RI 02898 (401) 539-9000 x 9; Fax: 539-1089 www.richmondri.com

November 16, 2016

Governor Gina Rainmondo

Dear Mr. Bianco,

At a meeting held on November 15, 2016, the Richmond Town Council voted unanimously to support the attached Resolution from the Town of Burrillville opposing the siting of the Clear River Entergy Center in Burrillville, Rhode Island. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Sarah S. Rapose Richmond Town Clerk

#### TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

Office of Town Clerk
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Town Clerk



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Burrillville Town Council
Resolution Opposing the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center
in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of the Town of Burrillville have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of Burrillville expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Burrillville Town Council President John F. Pacheco III, is hereby authorized and directed to testify before the EFSB to express the opposition of the Town to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

Adopted this 22nd day of September 2016

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John F. Pacheco III, President Burrillville Town Council....

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#### R-16-64

A Resolution Opposing the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of the Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of the Town of Burrillville as well as residents throughout the State of Rhode expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

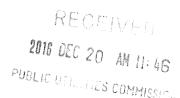
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Cumberland Town Council, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of the Cumberland Town Council be submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI.

Date Adopted: December 7, 2016

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

andra M. Giovanelli, Town Clerk



#### **Resolution # 2016-18**

# In Support of the Burrillville Town Council's Opposition of the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted an extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearings the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impact on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of the Town of Burrillville as well as residents throughout the State of Rhode Island expressing concerns to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Council of the Town of Foster, do hereby support the Burrillville Town Council regarding their stand on the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution of the Foster Town Council be submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI.

Denise DiFranco

Foster Town Council President

Dated this 15th day of December 2016

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk

#### City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 60

Approved February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, On October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant (CREC) in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, In the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, After considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, The Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, Sixteen cities and towns in Rhode Island have passed resolutions opposing the siting of an Invenergy power plant in the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, According to the Blackstone River Watershed Council, "emissions from the power plant, in particular methane and carbon dioxide, would affect a 30-mile area in the northwest corner of Rhode Island"; and

WHEREAS, Particulate matter would "diminish air quality, local rivers and watersheds would eb stressed, additional deliveries of chemicals by large commercial vehicles would put residents at risk, noise pollution would increase and the biodiversity impacts and loss of wildlife habitats within the shared watershed would harm the regional environment," according to Burrillville Conservation Chairman, Kevin Cleary; and

WHEREAS, The CREC power plant in Burrillville would prevent Rhode Island from meeting the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions set by the 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act; and

WHEREAS, Invenergy's efforts to obtain the water needed for the power plant met resistance and opposition for many months, with the Pascoag Utility District, the Harrisville Fire District, and the City of Woonsocket rejecting proposals to provide water for the power plant; and

WHEREAS, On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Johnston approved a 20-year deal selling Invenergy water for the CREC power plant; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) is the wholesale supplier of water to the Town of Johnston which will be resold to Invenergy; and

WHEREAS, The agreement between the Town of Johnston and Invenergy obligates resources owned by the people of Providence without them having a choice or say in the matter; and

WHEREAS, During the past year, many citizens of the Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, have expressed strong opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the negative impacts on property, environment, traffic, public health, public safety, and water; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council joins with the citizens and officials of the Town of Burrillville as well as residents throughout the State of Rhode expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, as the democratically elected representatives of the people of Providence, the City Council does not support and hereby expresses serious concern over the use of water from the Providence Water Supply Board for the Clear River Energy Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that

- 1. The City Solicitor provide the City Council with information and clarification regarding the City's and the Providence Water Supply Board's ability to prevent the use of Providence water at the CREC power plant and legality of the resale and markup of Providence water by Providence Water Supply Board wholesale customers;
- 2. The Chairman and the General Manager of the Providence Water Supply Board assist the Solicitor with the above request, and provide the City Council with information regarding the impact of said use on ratepayers, as well as PWSB finances and operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, this resolution be submitted to the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for consideration during their hearings on Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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#### RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER IN BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

Whereas, John Marsland, President of the Blackstone River Watershed Council (BRWC) wrote that the "plant would threaten 25 years of restoration efforts and millions of dollars of investment by the state and nonprofits like the BRWC and

Friends of the Blackstone;" and

Whereas, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application

to construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with

the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

Whereas, the town of Burrillville filed eighteen requests to Invenergy to identify a water

source needed for cooling the plant (which could use up to one million gallons

per day) and Invenergy has not yet named one; and

Whereas, according to the Blackstone River Watershed Council "emissions from the

power plant, in particular, methane and carbon dioxide, would affect a thirty

mile area in the northwest corner of Rhode Island;" and

Whereas, particulate matter would "diminish air quality, local rivers, and watersheds

would be stressed, additional deliveries of chemicals by large commercial vehicles would put residents at risk, noise pollution would increase and the biodiversity impacts and loss of wildlife habitats within the shared watershed would harm the regional environment" according to Burrillville Conservation

Chairman Kevin Cleary; and

Whereas, the Burrillville power plant would prevent Rhode Island from meeting a

reduction in greenhouse gas emissions set by the 2014 Resilient Rhode Island

Act: and

Whereas, engineering firm Fuss & O'Neill advised that potential negative air

quality and groundwater impacts are not worth any possible benefits from the

power plant; and

Whereas, numerous nonpartisan environmental groups, including the Environmental

Council of RI, the Conservation Law Foundation, the Audubon Society of RI, the Nature Conservancy, the Cranston Conservation Commission, the Burrillville Land Trust, and the Blackstone River Watershed Council, along with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, the Town Council of Glocester,

the Middletown Town Council, the North Smithfield Town Council, and most

recently the Lincoln Town Council have opposed the proposed  $\operatorname{Burrillville}$  Power Plant; and

Whereas,

The Central Falls City Council has major concerns about the potentially catastrophic environmental, economic, and health impacts the Clear River Energy Center would have on Burrillville and the entire State of Rhode Island.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Central Falls hereby opposes the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor and members of the Energy Siting Board in Woonsocket and the Burrillville Town Council.

Introduced by Councilwoman Carlene Fonseca

February 13, 2017

Robert Ferri

City Council President

Sonia Grace City Clerk



#### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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February 23, 2017

Warren Town Council Warren Town Hall 514 Main Street Warren, RI 02885

#### Honorable Town Council:

At the regular meeting of the Warren Town Council held Tuesday, February 14, 2017, the Resolution adopted by the Burrillville Town Council "A Resolution in Opposition the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center was an agenda item. As a result of Town Council review and discussion, the following unanimous vote was taken:

A motion was made by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Vice President Cronin to support the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of this letter of support for the Burrillville Town Council in its opposition to the "Siting of the Clear River Energy Center". will be sent to RI Governor Gina Raimondo, Senator Walter Felag, Representative Jason Knight, Representative Kenneth Marshall and to all Rhode Island and City and Town Councils.

Attest

Julie A. Coelho, CMC

Town Clerk

Cc: Governor Gina Raimondo
Senator Walter Felag
Representative Jason Knight
Representative Kenneth Marshall
Rhode Island and City and Town Councils

#### TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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Burrillville Town Council
Resolution Opposing the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center
in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to

Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the

Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has

conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among

others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the

Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also

submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed

Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of the Town of Burrillville have

expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of Burrillville

expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center

in Burrillville, RI,.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Burrillville Town Council President John F. Pacheco III, is hereby authorized and directed to testify before the EFSB to express the opposition of the Town to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

Adopted this 22nd day of September 2016

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

John F. Pacheco III, President

Burrillville Town Council



## **TOWN OF DOUGLAS**

Kevin D. Morse, *Chairman*Michael D. Hughes, *Vice Chairman*Timothy P. Bonin
David P. Cortese
Harold R. Davis

## OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN 29 Depot Street • Douglas, MA 01516

508-476-4000 Fax: 508-476-1070 TTY 508-476-1619 Michael J. Guzinski Town Administrator

Suzanne L. Kane Administrative Assistant

Mr. Todd Bianco, Coordinator Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) Public Utilities Commission Office Building 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888 February 16, 2017

RE: SB 2015-06 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's Application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI

Dear Members of the Energy Facility Siting Board,

This letter is in support of the Burrillville Town Council's opposition of the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI. On October 29, 2015, Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) and that in the months since the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive studies of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality impacts.

After considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearings, the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center. The Burrillville Town Council agrees and is also on record opposing the plant.

In addition, many citizens in the region as well as numerous organizations including the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. (formerly the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission) and the Metacomet Land Trust, have raised concerns not only about the data lacking in this application but about the potential for significant negative impacts to our natural resources (especially water resources).

As the town directly abutting Burrillville, RI, to the north, and proudly sharing the beautiful body of water known as Wallum Lake, the Douglas Board of Selectmen are deeply concerned that this process does not account for the impacts the proposed plant could have on this community and firmly stand with Burrillville in opposition to this project.

Sincerely.

Michael D. Hughes Vice-Chairman

cc: Gina Raimondo, Governor of Rhode Island



# TOWN OF BARRINGTON RHODE ISLAND

# Barrington Town Council Resolution Opposing the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center Located in Burrillville, RI

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville conducted an extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Town of Burrillville have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council joined with the citizens and officials of Burrillville expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.; and

Whereas, the Town of Barrington has an interest in the controversy because the proposed utility intends to use water from a limited resource which is used for drinking water by the people of Barrington, and

Whereas, the Town of Barrington supports the rights of local communities to have a say in what is built in those communities, particularly where such proposal will have a significant impact on its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Council of the Town of Barrington, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RL

Adopted this March 6, 2017

Michael W. Carroll, President

**Barrington Town Council** 

#### **TOWN OF WEST WARWICK**

#### RESOLUTION

OF

#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

NO. 2017 - 24

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER IN BURRILLVILLE

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to construct the Clear River Energy Center Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and

WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water traffic and air quality, among others; and

WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, amny citizens of the Town of Burrillville have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic, and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of Burrillville expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, R.I.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, R.I.

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