STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In Re: Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's

Application to Construct the Clear River Energy : Docket No. 4609

Center in Burrillville, Rhode Island

MOTION TO CHANGE HEARING LOCATION

The Town of Burrillville ("Town"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby

respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") move the hearings in this

docket to a different location to accommodate the hundreds of citizens who will wish to attend.

There is immense interest by the Town's residents in the proceedings to be held by the

PUC related to the Clear River Energy Center (power plant) on Wallum Lake Road in the Town.

The enormity of the interest, along with the extraordinary number of residents that have appeared

before the PUC and the Energy Facility Siting Board ("EFSB") during various public comment

hearings, illustrates that there are hundreds of our residents that wish to observe the hearings,

listen to the testimony of the many experts, and hear the arguments made by the various

parties/intervenors. Our citizens are concerned that the proceedings are transparent and fair.

Of particular importance to the Town's residents is the location of the PUC hearings.

Where available seating is so sparse as to effectively eliminate the public's attendance, the spirit

of the Open Meetings Act is violated. See R.I.G.L. §42-46-1 et seq.

The reason for our concern, on behalf of the residents of the Town, is that Hearing Room

A can only accommodate 100 total persons, per the Fire Marshall's order. The number of people

on the service list for this docket exceeds 30, and the service list for the related EFSB docket

exceeds 75. It is reasonable to conclude that the number of intervenors, their attorneys, the PUC

itself, along with PUC staff will total almost 100 persons in attendance at the hearings. This

would leave few, if any, spaces available for the public, in particular the Town's residents, to

attend the hearings.

Understanding that there are obstacles to overcome to find a forum large enough to

accommodate the hundreds of citizens that desire to be present, e.g., school auditoriums of

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and Burrillville High School, there are other venues

that can be considered. The State of Rhode Island has facilities that can accommodate a large

number of people. For example, there is an auditorium at the Zombarano Hospital.

Additionally, the State Legislature is not in session now, so the State House may be an available

location. There may be others that could be considered also.

In order to avoid the appearance that this process is being closed off to the very people

whose lives are most affected, on behalf of the residents of the Town, we respectfully request

that the PUC move its hearings to a facility large enough to accommodate the hundreds of people

whose lives could be seriously and negatively impacted by this facility.

TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original and nine photocopies of this Motion were filed by U.S. Mail, postage prepared, with the Clerk of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888. In addition, electronic copies of this Motion were served via email on the service list for this Docket. I certify that all of the foregoing was done on July 15, 2016.

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