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July 14, 2016

Ms. Luly Massaro Clerk Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Invenergy Thermal Development LLC/Clean River Energy Center Application, EFSB Docket NO. SB-2015-06, PUC Docket No. 4069

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing please find a letter from Jared Rhodes, Chief, RI Statewide Planning Program, Department of Administration Division of Planning, in anticipation of the hearings on the above-captioned matter scheduled of the week of July 25, 2016. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer S. Sternick

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Commissioner Margaret Curran, Chairperson Commissioner Marion Gold Commissioner Herbert F. DeSimone, Jr, Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888

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Dear Commissioners:

In anticipation of the Commission's review of testimony in this matter, and in accordance with the directive of the Energy Facilities Siting Board's Preliminary Decision and Order (p. 9) which mandates that:

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with participation of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division), OER and the Division of Planning of the Department of Administration must render a single advisory opinion of the need for the Project and whether the Project is costjustified consistent with the objective of ensuring that the construction and operation of the facility will be in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Please know that the Division of Planning's Statewide Planning Program has reviewed the proposed testimony to be offered in this matter by the Division and by OER and is in support of its content.

Sincerely,

Jared Rhodes

RI Statewide Planning Program, Chief

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original and four copies of this correspondence were filed with the clerk of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888, In addition, electronic copies of this letter were served via e mail on the service list for this Docket. I certify that all of the above occurred on July 14, 2016.