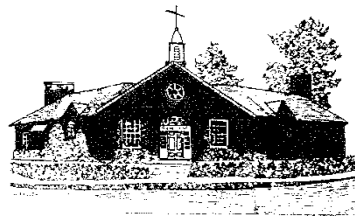


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## **Burrillville Determined to Continue Fighting Invenergy Plant Despite Ruling Against Motion to Dismiss**

### **EFSB Process Isn't Working – Needs Overhaul**

Burrillville Town Officials saying they were extremely disappointed in the Energy Facility Siting Board's refusal to grant Motions to Dismiss the Invenergy application for a new power plant, vowed to continue with their vigorous opposition.

"The cursory look at our Motion to Dismiss, and the EFSB's refusal to force Invenergy to answer basic critical questions on its new water plan, further make the case that the EFSB process is flawed," said Town Council President John Pacheco. "The EFSB Act needs to be overhauled; it's outdated and works against the best interest of the state and host community."

The Town recently posed over 50 technical questions to Invenergy primarily in response to the new water plan filed by Invenergy on January 11, 2017. Many of those questions have not been answered, and responses still need to be analyzed and vetted by experts. But, rather than wait for those answers, the move to a full hearing seems inevitable.

"The EFSB final hearing process is time consuming, very expensive and complicated. It is impractical to move to a full hearing on Invenergy's proposal without a determination on the validity of the water plan and its impact on the original application," said Burrillville Town Manager Michael Wood.

### **Clear Statewide Consensus- Majority RI Communities Say NO to Invenergy**

The latest action by the EFSB takes place eve as very real questions are being raised about the regions need for a new power plant.

The EFSB has been presented with formal resolutions from 31 Cities and Towns (29 from Rhode Island, 2 from Massachusetts) in opposition to the new proposed Invenergy power plant. The growing list of opponents is sending a clear directive to the EFSB.

### **Power Plant Not Needed**

Invenergy has failed to sell the second half of the power output of its proposed fossil fuel-burning power plant in Burrillville to the regional electric grid. The action undermines Invenergy's claim that the region needs the facility.

"This result strongly corroborates our vehement opposition to this power plant. We believe it is now abundantly clear that this plant is simply not needed in Rhode Island or in New England," said Burrillville Attorney Michael McElroy. "There are very large power surpluses- that is overwhelming proof that the plant is simply not needed to keep the lights on and the EFSB should reject it. Moreover, the prices for both capacity and energy are now so low in this market that it appears that Invenergy should rethink whether this plant is financially viable at all. If Invenergy does not voluntarily withdraw its EFSB application, we hope the EFSB finds that there is absolutely no need for this plant and rejects it."

