

# TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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## Burrillville Town Council

### Resolution Opposing

House Bill 2016 – H 8240A and Senate Bill 2016 – S 3037

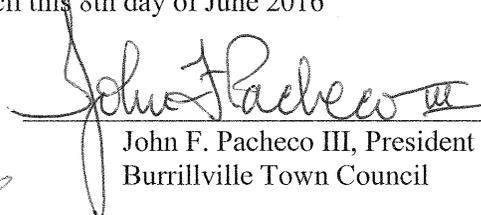
### Relating To State Affairs and Government - Energy Facility Siting Act

- Whereas,** The General Assembly is requested to amend the R.I.G.L. §44-3-30 applicable to the Town of Burrillville's ability to enter into tax agreements with electric power generating facilities; and
- Whereas,** The proposed legislation will NOT put to a referendum vote whether to allow the construction of the proposed Clear River Energy Center; and
- Whereas,** The proposed legislation misleads the residents of the Town of Burrillville into thinking that a NO vote at a referendum might mean that the proposed power plant will not be built; and
- Whereas,** The proposed legislation, if it becomes law, would cause great financial burden and expensive litigation with respect to the annual assessment of taxes upon such electric power generating facilities, as outlined in the attached BTC Detail Sheet; and
- Whereas,** The proposed legislation would adversely effect the Town's ability to fully tax not only Invenergy Thermal Development's plan to construct the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI, but also the Ocean State Power LLC/TransCanada power plant; and
- Whereas,** The inability of the Town of Burrillville Town Council to enter into a Tax Agreement could also mean that the Town of Burrillville will not be able to protect its citizens by entering into Property Value Governance Agreement, and a Decommissioning Agreement; and
- Whereas,** Even if the residents of the Town of Burrillville vote not to authorize a tax agreement at a referendum, as stated in the proposed legislation, and if the Energy Facility Siting Board nevertheless approves the construction of a new power plant in Burrillville, the Town's residents could lose the benefits of the Decommissioning Agreement and the Property Value Guarantee Agreement; and
- Whereas,** We, the members of the Town Council, have taken an oath to uphold the Town Charter, and to execute the duties to which we have been sworn, which includes the levying and assessment of taxes as per Section 3-14(K) of the Charter; and
- Whereas,** Having reached a conscientious decision that this proposed legislation would not be in the best interest of the Town as a whole and its future generations, we strongly disagree with the proposed legislation.

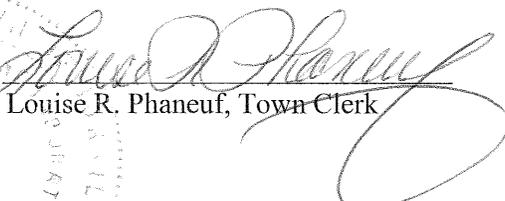
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, strongly oppose the passage of House Bill 2016 – H 8240A and Senate Bill 2016 – S 3037.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, respectfully request that if this legislation is adopted that Governor Gina Raimondo veto the action.

Adopted as a resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 8th day of June 2016

  
John F. Pacheco III, President  
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

  
Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

