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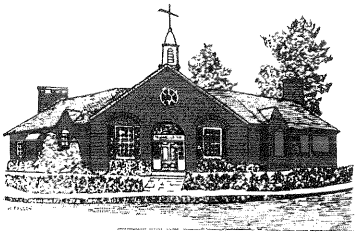

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Invenergy Project: Clear River Energy Center

By John F. Pacheco, III
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The Burrillville Town Council acknowledges the potential benefits of the Invenergy construction project and siting of a state of the art natural gas fired energy facility to our community, Rhode Island and the Northeast Region at large.

The Town has very little legal control over the siting, land use and zoning issues associated with this type of facility, those powers being vested by State Law with an independent, quasi-judicial regulator titled the "Energy Facilities Siting Board". The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) also has some jurisdiction. That being said, the Town Council and our administrative team will take an active role in any and all activities associated with the project so the best interests of our community are realized.

The Council will work constructively with Invenergy. However, with any project of this magnitude there are positives and negatives. We will work diligently to minimize any potential negative aspects of the project.

As is normally the case with major energy projects, the developer is seeking a tax agreement with the Town. No such agreement is currently in place. We will aggressively negotiate such an agreement to properly compensate the Town and our taxpayers for hosting this facility.
Should the project ultimately be approved, we will insist that local contractors and business be used and/or patronized whenever possible!

Until more is known about the scope and particulars of the project, the Town Council will reserve any additional public comment until such time as those factors are clear.