TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE



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EFSB Grants Town of Burrillville and CLF Motions Allows Time to Explore the *Impact Of* and *Reason For*ISO-NE Disqualification of Invenergy in Next Capacity Auction

Warwick, RI: The Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) today granted several motions filed by the Town of Burrillville and Conservation Law Foundation to provide 90 days to give time for additional discovery and to give experts time to examine the impact and reason for the ISO NE disqualification of Invenergy from securing its second turbine for the FCA12. The EFSB also ordered additional supplemental advisory opinions on the issue from Office of Energy Resources and Statewide Planning.

The EFSB ruling will extend the start of the final hearings on Invenergy's application.

Both the Town and CLF provided repeated examples of Invenergy's misleading, non-transparent and delayed or incomplete releases of information. Burrillville Attorney Michael McElroy argued that Invenergy has been withholding information, intentionally and consistently working to prevent a public, transparent and complete licensing process. Specifically he said there are several pending questions that go to Invenergy's credibility:

- Why did Invenergy wait for almost a month to reveal the FCA disqualification to the EFSB and the public?
- When Invenergy did disclose the disqualification why didn't it provide any of the ISO NE documents to EFSB?
- When it finally did provide documents why did Invenergy only turn over 3 of 5 pages? And why didn't it provide the explanatory appendix?
- Why did Invenery delay in telling EFSB it doesn't have an interconnection agreement with National Grid, and why didn't Invenergy provide National Grid with necessary financial assurances?
- Why didn't Invenergy reveal it is providing 30- day status reports to ISO NE and why aren't copies provided to EFSB and the public?

Burrillville Town Manager Michael Wood said, "Our position that Invenergy has continued to make mistakes and shortchanged the process does seem to be resonating. However, if you want to potentially permit one of the largest projects in the state's history, the process has to be clean, transparent and fully vetted. And that doesn't appear to be the case at present."

In a separate motion, the Town of Burrillville joined by CLF asked the EFSB dismiss Invenergy's application to build the new power plant.

"This matter has been mishandled by Invenergy from day one," said Burrillville Attorney Michael McElroy. "Enough is enough. The time is now to dismiss the application."

The EFSB denied the motion by the Town of Burrillville and CLF motion to dismiss Invenergy's application. Both EFSB Chair Margaret Curran and Board Member Janet Coit said the dismissal wasn't appropriate. Coit stressed that issues of credibility are important to the Board. And the credibility of all the parties will be taken into account when the Board makes findings in the process.