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Invenergy Making Gross Profits of \$26 Million – Could Top \$40 Million– Even Though New Plant Not Yet Permitted or Approved

Expert Warns Approval May Result in Massive Plant Construction Decades From Now

September 17, 2018: New expert testimony filed with the RI Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) shows that even though Invenergy doesn't have approval or permitting for a proposed new plant in Burrillville, it is already making gross profits of \$26 million and that could increase to over \$40 million - by charging more than current market rates for the capacity it is obligated to provide.

The gross profit comes as Invenergy collects \$7.03/kW-month to provide the capacity , but then turns around and purchases replacement capacity from other generators at a reduced cost (most recently \$3.67kW-month).

The expert supplemental testimony is provided by Glenn C. Walker, of George Sansoucy, P.E., LLC, on behalf of the Town of Burrillville.

Walker notes there is no need for the proposed massive 1000 MW Invenergy power plant (Clear River Energy Center or CREC). “Since Invenergy’s filing in October 2015, the lack of need for CREC has been consistently demonstrated by many factors, including declining demand, regional policy with respect to global warming, and rapid changes in the Rhode Island and New England electric markets.”

Over the last five months new regional developments indicate there will be about 3,000 MW of renewable energy coming online.

While Walker says there is no need for the proposed new Invenergy facility in the foreseeable future he warns, “It is very likely Invenergy is seeking to simply permit the project and either sell the permits to another entity or to wait for better market conditions before moving forward.” The result could be Invenergy receiving a permit today and holding that permit and building 10 or 20 years from now, as was the case with the Towantic Energy Center in Oxford, Connecticut.

The EFSB is schedule to resume hearing witness testimony on the Invenergy application on September 18, 2018.