

# TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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The Honorable Anthony Verardo, President,  
Johnston Town Council  
1385 Hartford Avenue  
Johnston RI 02919

**RE: Proposed Clear River Energy Center**

Dear President Verardo:

It is my understanding that the Johnston Town Council will consider a resolution ratifying and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Water Supply and Economic Development Agreement between the Town and Clear River Energy, LLC.

As you are aware, on October 29, 2015 Invenegy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB). In the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others.

In their preliminary order, the EFSB called for advisory opinions from the Burrillville Zoning Board of Review and Burrillville Planning Board. After considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center. Advisory opinions were requested from DEM, DOT, DOH and others.

Based on that information, the Burrillville Town Council has voted to oppose the Clear River Energy Center. Enclosed are electronic copies of our experts' opinions. Also included is a list of the advisory opinions and links to those opinions. Additionally, the Town of Burrillville can provide technical assistance from our team of experts as may be needed to assist in your decision making.

Please feel free to contact me or Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, if we can offer additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "John F. Pacheco III" with a large flourish at the end.

John F. Pacheco III, President  
Burrillville Town Council

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