

THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE CLEAR RIVER ENERGY CENTER  
IN BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the Warwick City Council; and,

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy 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); and

WHEREAS, the town of Burrillville filed 18 requests to Invenergy to identify a water source needed for cooling the plant (which could use up to one million gallons per day) and Invenergy has not yet named one; and

WHEREAS, John Marsland, President of the Blackstone River Watershed Council (BRWC) wrote that the "plant would threaten 25 years of restoration efforts and millions of dollars of investment by the state and nonprofits like the BRWC and Friends of the Blackstone;" and

WHEREAS, according to the Blackstone River Watershed Council "emissions from the power plant, in particular methane and carbon dioxide, would affect a 30-mile area in the northwest corner of Rhode Island;" and

WHEREAS, particulate matter would "diminish air quality, local rivers and watersheds would be stressed, additional deliveries of chemicals by large commercial vehicles would put residents at risk, noise pollution would increase and the biodiversity impacts and loss of wildlife habitats within the shared watershed would harm the regional environment" according to Burrillville Conservation Chairman Kevin Cleary; and

WHEREAS, the Burrillville power plant would prevent Rhode Island from meeting a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions set by the 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act; and

WHEREAS, engineering firm Fuss & O'Neill advised that potential negative air quality and groundwater impacts are not worth any possible benefits from the power plant; and

