Notice of Public Workshop Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Date & Time: Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Biotechnology & Life Sciences

Ryan Family Auditorium, Room 100

University of Rhode Island (Kingston Campus) 120 Flagg Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881

Background: In the matter of *Invenergy Thermal Development LLC Application to Construct and Operate the Clear River Energy Center, Burrillville, Rhode Island*, Docket # SB-2015-06, the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) directed the Office of Energy Resources (OER), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) and with assistance from the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), to render an advisory opinion as to (i) the impacts of the Clear River Energy Center on anticipated greenhouse gas emissions that would result from the proposed Facility and the cumulative impact over the life of the project and (ii) whether the Facility will conform to the requirements and provisions of the Resilient Rhode Island Act, R.I. Gen Laws §§ 42-6.2-1 to 42-6.2-8, and state energy policies.

Workshop Overview: The purpose of this workshop is to provide the public with information regarding OER's approach to issuing the advisory opinion described above and to solicit comments from the public on the issues specific to its advisory opinion. The workshop will include an administrative update and technical presentation given by OER, followed by an opportunity for public comment.

Procedural Matters: The workshop will be informational only. No formal action will be taken at the workshop and OER has no permitting authority related to this project. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but OER staff may opt to respond to comments and/or ask clarifying questions. The workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to OER. Participants should limit the scope of their comments to the issues on which OER has been asked to render an advisory opinion to the EFSB.

Written Comments: In addition to this public workshop and public comment opportunity, OER will accept written comments on the issues related to its advisory opinion. Comments may be submitted in advance of the workshop or until 4:00 PM on Monday, August 1, 2016. Electronic submittals are encouraged, and may be sent to: DOA.publiccomment@energy.ri.gov. Written comment may also be mailed to: Attn: Advisory Opinion Public Comment, RI Office of Energy Resources, One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor, Providence, RI 02908.

* If special accommodations are needed to ensure equal participation, please contact OER at (401) 574-9100 at least (5) five business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance.