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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) announced today that a settlement was reached between the Council and the owners of the stalled 544 MW natural gas-fired power plant and the City of Meriden. At issue was the transfer of approximately 357 acres to the City of Meriden. This settlement was approved today by the Superior Court.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) initiated an enforcement action against Meriden Gas Turbines (MGT) and its parent company NRG in Connecticut Superior Court in August (2005) seeking the transfer. MGT (NRG) owns an approved site for a 544 MW natural gas-fired power plant in Meriden. The project was approved by the Council in April 1999, with the requirement that this land be transferred.

Pamela B. Katz, Chairman of the Council said: "This was not an easy issue to resolve; both sides held reasonable positions and had serious interests at stake.

"We commend both sides for working hard, in a forthright manner, to find middle ground and resolve this matter successfully. And I especially want to convey our gratitude to the Attorney General for his support and the hard work of Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Marconi."

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said: "This result of our strong legal action is a solid win-win for both Meriden and the state. Our lawsuit demonstrated our determination to achieve this land transfer – approved years ago – and hold NRG accountable. Our team – the

Siting Council and my office – was resolute and persistent in making it happen.”

Background

PDC-EI Paso Meriden applied to the Council for a Certificate to build a 544 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle plant in the City of Meriden on August 27, 1998. The Council approved the request on April 27, 1999. PDC-EI Paso Meriden was acquired by Meriden Gas Turbines (MGT) and its parent company NRG in December of 2001. The Council received correspondence from MGT in December 2003, indicating that construction at the plant had been suspended due to a lack of financing.

Summary of the Settlement

After a complete review by the City of Meriden of environmental and other conditions, it is anticipated that a transfer of approximately 357 acres from Meriden Gas Turbines to the City of Meriden will take place later this year.

The suit initiated by the Attorney General representing the Connecticut Siting Council, is the first under the Council’s enforcement statute (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 16-50u). This settlement eliminates the necessity of litigating the matter.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has jurisdiction to objectively balance the statewide public need for adequate and reliable services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state. The Council is funded through application fees and assessments, and administrative assessments of the electric utilities, hazardous waste generators, and telecommunications providers of the state. The agency website is ct.gov/csc The docket number associated with this matter is 190.

