

DOCKET 370 – Consolidated proceeding pursuant to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) Request for Proposal (RFP) process under C.G.S. §16a-7c. **Original application:** The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, or potentially including an alternate portion that traverses the municipalities of Suffield and Enfield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. **Competing application:** NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50j(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut.

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March 9, 2010

Decision and Order – NRG Energy, Inc.

On March 19, 2009, NRG Energy, Inc. (NRG) submitted an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for consideration of a 530 megawatt (MW) (nominal) combined cycle generating plant located off South Mountain Road in Meriden, Connecticut (the Meriden power facility) as a competing project to the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (GSRP) and Manchester to Meekville Project (MMP) proposed by The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) in Docket No. 370. NRG proposed the Meriden power facility following review of the project by the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16a-7c to meet the need addressed by the GSRP and MMP with a generation alternative.

The Council does not find that the NRG Meriden Facility meets the need that the GSRP and MMP address. Therefore, the Council denies the application submitted by NRG for the Meriden Facility.

The Council granted a Certificate, in Council Docket No. 190 on April 27, 1999, for the construction and operation of a 540 MW combined-cycle electric power generating facility. Therefore, NRG already has a Certificate to complete construction and operate the facility and does not need another approval from the Council for the same project. The denial of the Meriden Facility as part of Docket 370 will not affect NRG's current Certificate for the Meriden Facility.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Parties and Intervenors in this proceeding are:

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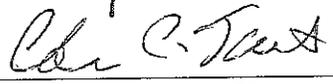
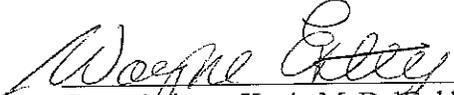
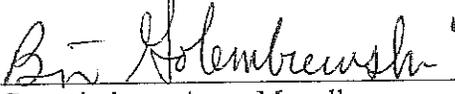
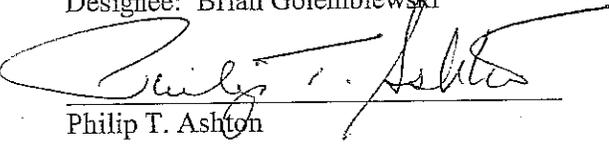
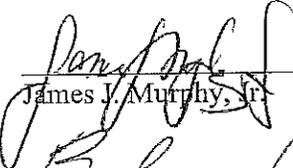
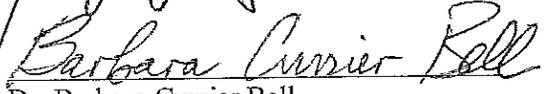
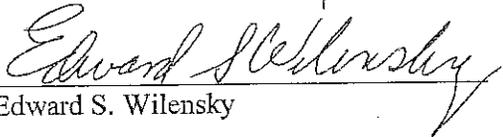
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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in **DOCKET 370** –NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-507(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut, and voted as follows to deny the competing application from NRG Energy, Inc. as a generation alternative to the Greater Springfield Reliability Project and the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project:

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Vote Cast</u>
 Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman	Yes
 Colin C. Tait, Vice Chairman	Yes
 Commissioner Kevin M. DeGobbo Designee: Wayne V. Estey	Yes
 Commissioner Amey Marrella Designee: Brian Golembiewski	Yes
 Philip T. Ashton	Yes
 Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	Recused
 James J. Murphy, Jr.	Yes
 Dr. Barbara Currier Bell	Yes
 Edward S. Wilensky	Yes

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, March 9, 2010.