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November 1, 2006

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 784** – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut.

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As discussed at the pre-hearing conference held on November 1, 2006, the Council requested that the following format be used for the public hearing scheduled on November 16, 2006.

1. At least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall erect and maintain, in a legible condition, a sign not less than six feet by four feet at the entrance to the property from a public road where the proposed facility is to be located. The sign shall set forth the name of the applicant, the type of facility, the public hearing date, and contact information for the Council (Web site and phone number).
2. At least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall publish notice of the application and scheduled hearing in newspapers serving the affected communities. The notice shall state the name of the applicant, date of the filing, summary of the application, and information regarding the time and place of the field review and public hearing.
3. At least ten business days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall provide notice of the application and scheduled hearing by certified mail to all abutting landowners of the proposed facility.
4. Before November 9, 2006, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to exchange and respond to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with all other parties and intervenors. To save the time and expense of parties, intervenors, and the public, all parties and intervenors are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing.
5. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by November 9, 2006, unless otherwise noted.
6. Any person seeking to be admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before November 9, 2006.

7. A public field review of the proposed site will be held on November 9, 2006 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The applicant is requested to field mark the locations of key elements of the proposed facility.
8. The applicant will fly a balloon in the proposed location and at the proposed height of the exhaust stack between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. weather permitting.
9. The 2:00 p.m., November 16 hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to present exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by all parties and intervenors in the order that they were made parties and intervenors. All parties and intervenors will then be allowed to present their exhibits and witness panels in the order in which they were made parties and intervenors, and be subject to cross-examination by the applicant and all other parties and intervenors. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Arguments will be entertained in writing after the close of the last hearing session.
10. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be first reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. If time remains, the applicant, parties, and intervenors will have an opportunity to complete their presentation and cross-examination.
11. The Council will provide an opportunity for public officials to make a statement.
12. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
13. A verbatim transcript of the hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Canterbury and Plainfield Town Halls for the convenience of the public.
14. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of facts within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
15. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
16. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements should be considered final and extensions will not be automatically granted.
17. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties and intervenors with the same interests.
18. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
19. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
20. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.