

You're Invited!

Community Open House

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Marriott Courtyard
63 Grand Street, Waterbury

Please join us for this informational session
on the Waterbury Generation Project
to be located at 725 Bank Street in Waterbury

Hosted by



and

Waterbury Generation, LLC



September 5, 2007

Waterbury, CT 06708

Dear:

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The Waterbury Project is owned by Waterbury Generation, LLC and consists of an approximately 96 megawatt generator that will primarily use natural gas with ultra low sulfur diesel fuel as a backup. The generator will be located on the Ansonia Copper & Brass site at Bank Street in Waterbury. Property that you own abuts either the generator site or the proposed transmission route.

As you may be aware, the Waterbury Generation Project was one of four projects recently chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control in a competitive solicitation process to provide much needed electric generating capacity to the State. FirstLight currently serves as project manager for Waterbury Generation, LLC, providing management and development services to the project.

This informational session gives FirstLight the opportunity to share with residents, elected officials, and community leaders, information about the Waterbury Generation Project, including the benefits this project will provide both to the City of Waterbury and Connecticut as a whole and to answer any questions that may arise.

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Sincerely,

James A. Ginnetti
Vice President – External Affairs



September , 2007

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Property	First Name	Last Name	Company	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip
130 Washington Avenue			H&B Realty LLC	130 Washington Avenue		Waterbury	CT	06708
737 Bank Street			JDP Associates LLC	c/o F.W. Webb Company	160 Middlesex Turnpike	Bedford	MA	01730
141 Washington Avenue			Bearings, Inc.	P.O. Box 6925		Cleveland	OH	44101
20 Railroad Hill Street			Gable Realty	35 Rockland Road		Norwalk	CT	06854
179 Washington Avenue			CRC Development LLC	1601 Cross Highway		Fairfield	CT	06824
New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company								
1114 South Main Street			Waterdale Realty Company	P.O. Box 128		South Amboy	NJ	08879
165 West Liberty Street			Riverbank Christian Worship Center, Inc.	P.O. Box 7080		Prospect	CT	06712
698 South Main Street	D.	Heye	Washington Avenue Business Park LLC	c/o Hispan Precision Products, Inc.	1685 Brandywine Avenue	Chula Vista	CA	91911
179 Washington Avenue			CRC Development LLC	1601 Cross Highway		Fairfield	CT	06824
Porter Street			Devon Realty LLC	43 Lafayette Street		Waterbury	CT	06708
44 Railroad Hill Street			Sach LLC	P.O. Box 2420		Waterbury	CT	06705
20 Railroad Hill Street			Gable Realty	35 Rockland Road		Norwalk	CT	06854
141 Washington Avenue			Bearings, Inc.	P.O. Box 6925		Cleveland	OH	44101
108 Railroad Hill Street			JCK Colonial Properties LLC	c/o Colonial Corrugated Products	118 Railroad Hill Street	Waterbury	CT	06708
114 Porter Street			Halco, Inc.	114 Porter Street		Waterbury	CT	06708
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37 South Fifth Street			37 South Fifth Street LLC	P.O. Box 424		Waterbury	CT	06720
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563 South Leonard Street			Conn. Development Authority	c/o Hubbard Hall	563 South Leonard Street	Waterbury	CT	06708
47 Eagle Street			Yankee Gas Service Co.	P.O. Box 270		Hartford	CT	06141
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210 Municipal Road			City of Waterbury	Sewage Disposal Plant	235 Grand Street	Waterbury	CT	06702
Highland Avenue			CT Resources Recovery Authority	100 Constitution Plaza		Hartford	CT	06103

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3 power plants energized

BY DAVID KRECHEVSKY
REPUBLICAN/AMERICAN

Waterbury site among those approved

State utility regulators gave final approval Wednesday to four energy projects, including one in Waterbury that will bring a dormant, contaminated industrial site back onto the city's tax roll.

The state Department of Public Utility Control chose the four

projects earlier this year from among 22 seeking to receive contracts under a ratepayer-funded program that promotes building new power plants in the state.

Combined, the four 15-year contracts are estimated to cost ratepayers more than \$300 mil-

lion, but should ultimately save them more than \$500 million, the DPUC said.

The four projects are expected to provide the equivalent of 787 megawatts of additional power to the state, officials said. One megawatt is enough to power 750

to 1,000 average-sized homes.

One of the projects, proposed by Waterbury Generation LLC, would build a 96-megawatt, natural gas-fired power generating plant on property Ansonia Copper & Brass Inc. owns at 175 Bank St. The site is a brownfield

in the city's South End, adjacent to F.W. Webb Co.

Waterbury Power LLC was formed by Raymond L. McGee, chief executive of Ansonia Copper, and Ted Verrill of Sasco River Associates in Southport.

"We're thrilled," McGee said Wednesday. "We think it's the

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POWER 'EM UP

The state gave final approval to four power projects.

Middletown: 60-megawatt natural gas-fired plant.

Stamford: 56-megawatt oil-fired plant.

Statewide: an energy efficiency initiative to replace inefficient lighting and air conditioning that would lower demand by 2 million watts.

Waterbury: 96-megawatt natural gas-fired power generating plant on property at 175 Bank St.

PLANTS: Waterbury is 1 of 3 to garner approval

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best thing for the city of Waterbury, and it's going to bring \$1.5 million to \$2 million in increased property taxes to the city."

Mayor Michael J. Jarjura said those figures may be low for a project estimated to cost \$93 million to construct. However, he noted the power plant is in an Enterprise Zone, which qualifies it for tax discounts for its first five years of operation.

Giving up some tax revenue at the start is worth it if it encourages development like this, he said.

"We've got a double benefit going on here," Jarjura said. In addition to the projected tax revenue, the project is "taking an area that's just been rotting away and sitting in limbo and will get that cleaned up."

He added this is "obviously exciting news for the city, and will not have any effect on city services at all."

In a presentation to city officials in July, FirstLight Power

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**MICHAEL J. JARJURA
WATERBURY MAYOR**

Resources Inc., a partner in the project, said it will create an unspecified number of construction jobs in 2008 and 2009. The plant is estimated to begin providing power in mid-2009.

FirstLight officials issued a statement Wednesday saying the company is "moving forward aggressively to bring the project online. The state has a need for efficient, environmentally friendly power plants, and this is one of the projects that will help meet that goal."

That was not the opinion of the state Office of the Consumer Counsel, which last month asked the DPUC to reject three of the four projects, including the Waterbury plant. That request was based

on advice from Resource Insight Inc. of Arlington, Mass., a consulting firm that said three of the projects would be too expensive to be worthwhile for ratepayers.

In addition to the Waterbury project, the consumer counsel asked the DPUC to reject a 620-megawatt, gas-fired plant in Middletown and a 5-megawatt, statewide energy-efficiency project. It supported approving the fourth project, a 66-megawatt, oil-fired facility in Stamford.

In announcing its final approval Wednesday, the DPUC said in a news release that "no compelling arguments or evidence" against the projects was presented. It said the four projects meet standards set in the Energy Independence Act of 2005, which created the ratepayer-funded program.

Bruce Johnson, staff attorney for the consumer counsel, said he had not yet read the decision and did not know whether his office would appeal the DPUC's approval in court.

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Plant to have 200-foot stack

Open house set for \$120 million power facility

Author: *BY DAVID KRECHEVSKY*

REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Article Text:

WATERBURY — A 96-megawatt, natural gas-fired power plant proposed for a contaminated site in the city's South End will have a 200-foot-tall stack and require a 1.8-mile-long power line.

That's what project officials said Thursday.

The details will be highlighted during an open house scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Courtyard by Marriott on Grand Street. FirstLight Power Resources of Hartford, which is providing financing and management services for the \$120 million project, will host the event.

The project is one of four approved this month by the state Department of Public Utility Control as part of a ratepayer-funded program to promote construction of new power-generating facilities in the state.

The Waterbury project is proposed by Waterbury Generation LLC, a partnership formed by Raymond L. McGee, president and chief executive of Ansonia Copper & Brass, and Ted Verrill of Sasco River Associates in Southport.

James A. Ginnetti, vice president for external affairs for FirstLight, said the general public is invited to the open house.

"We will tell people what our plans are, and what the benefits to the city and the state of Connecticut are," he said.

State and city officials say the project will clean up a brownfields site and generate substantial tax revenue. It will also create 30-40 temporary construction jobs and a handful of permanent jobs.

Ginnetti said the project will provide between \$3 million and \$4 million in annual tax revenue, though the city won't receive the full amount for five or six years because the site is in an enterprise zone and is eligible for tax abatements.

He also said the project will not clean the entire site, which is owned by Ansonia Copper & Brass at 725 Bank St.

"The power plant will be located on the south end of the property," he said. "We need only about two acres."

The project will lease land from Ansonia Copper, he said.

The section of the property where the plant will be built will be capped with a concrete slab, but the existing building and the rest of the site will be cleaned separately, **Ginnetti** said.

The power plant is a modular system manufactured by General Electric, and will have a stack that's 50 feet taller than the tank erected nearby by Yankee Gas Services Co. to hold liquefied natural gas. The GE LMS 100 generator runs on both clean-burning natural gas and ultra-low-sulphur diesel fuel, which produces few emissions.

"This is a very clean plant," **Ginnetti** said.

It will produce 96 megawatts of power, but operate only when demand in the state is at its peak. One megawatt is enough electricity to power about 750 to 1,000 homes at any one time.

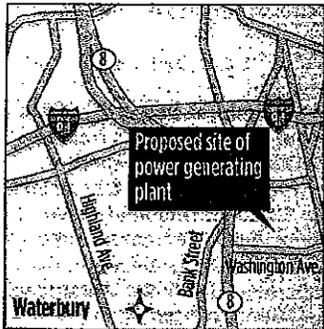
FirstLight is negotiating with the Metro-North railroad and the state Department of Transportation in hopes of building its power line along the railroad's right of way, **Ginnetti** said. The 115-kilovolt power line will connect to a Connecticut Light & Power substation at Baldwin and South Main streets.

The project still must apply for an air permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection and get approval from the state's Siting Council. **Ginnetti** estimates construction would begin in the second quarter of 2008, with the plant operating by July 2009.

While the city benefits from the tax revenue, the power plant also benefits the state. Combined, the four approved projects are expected to cost ratepayers more than \$300 million, but result in savings of more than \$500 million, the DPUC has said.

Ginnetti said the city project alone is projected to save ratepayers an estimated \$50 million.

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CURTIS KRAVIT REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Gas plant brings few complaints

Marriott meeting to reveal details

BY MICHAEL PUFFER
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WATERBURY — At \$120 million, a natural gas-fired electric plant proposed near the city's center is among the costliest projects proposed for Waterbury in recent years.

But the project, announced in recent weeks, has yet to register with its nearest neighbors. Mayor Michael J. Jarjura said he has heard little from the public about the plant. It hasn't caused any sort of buzz among parishioners at the Shrine of Saint Anne, located a short distance away.

"I don't think people comprehend what's going on," said the Rev. Michael Hinkley, the church's pastor and an activist for the South End.

Residents will get their first chance to probe the proposal tonight during a presentation by Waterbury Generation LLC at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard by

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PROJECT: Neighbors show little interest

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Marriott on Grand Street.

Waterbury Generation plans to build on a two-acre piece of the Ansonia Copper & Brass property off Washington Avenue and Bank Street. The property is set in the middle of a declining industrial area that itself is wedged between two of Waterbury's poorest neighborhoods — the South End and Brooklyn.

Huge brick factory buildings, empty relics of Waterbury's industrial heyday, dominate the landscape. Small businesses are scattered around the area — a tool distributor, a garage and several fuel and gas companies.

"This is fuel-company row," said Anthony Capaldo, who owns Hocon Industrial Gas about a block away from the proposed building site. "How could people get worked up? This is exactly what this neighborhood is for."

A few blocks away, Washington Street intersects South Main Street, home to more derelict or nearly-empty industrial buildings. Beyond that are small shops surrounded by aging apartments and houses. Sidewalks are cracked and strewn with litter.

Two women waiting for a school bus to drop their children at the corner of Lounsbury Avenue and Washington Avenue simply shook their heads when asked by a reporter if they had any questions about the power plant proposed nearby.

There isn't a complete lack of interest. Nelson Alvarado, a roofer with a home on South Street, hadn't heard of the plant before encountering a

IF YOU GO

What: Public presentation of proposed \$120 million gas-fired plant along Washington Avenue.
When: Today at 7 p.m.
Where: Courtyard by Marriott hotel, 63 Grand St.

reporter, but said he might attend the forum.

"Having a gas plant in the neighborhood, that sounds scary," Alvarado said.

Waterbury Generation representatives say their plant is modern, environmentally friendly and very safe. The plant would be built by General Electric under a 3-year-old design.

It would run on natural gas, and could use diesel in a pinch. It would produce 96 megawatts of electricity per day, or enough to supply somewhere between 72,000 and 100,000 homes.

"It's a very safe technology and would meet all the appropriate standards," said James A. Ginnetti, a vice president of FirstLight Power Resources, a company providing financial and management support for the project.

The project will ultimately net Waterbury up to \$4 million year in tax revenue, and cut energy costs to Connecticut consumers by \$50 million, FirstLight Power Resources representatives claim.

Mayor Michael J. Jarjura said he believes the project will be a good fit.

"If there is a big hue and cry from the general public, we will re-examine it, but I don't see any downside at this point," Jarjura said.

Power plant plans detailed

\$120 million plant asks city for tax incentives

BY MICHAEL PUFFER
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WATERBURY — If a \$120 million gas-fired power plant is going to come to Waterbury, its backers will require hefty tax breaks from the city and state.

FirstLight Power Resources of Hartford hopes to build on two acres fronting on Washington Avenue, in a depressed industrial area wedged between

two of the city's poorest neighborhoods. The year-old company has a value of \$2.5 billion and owns 15 energy producing plants in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

During a public information session at the Courtyard by Marriott on Wednesday, FirstLight executives say they hope to begin building next year and put the plant into service in the summer of 2009.

The project will be partially funded through a pool of public money collected from electricity user fees and partially by FirstLight. But to make the numbers work, state tax credits and a local tax break program are "critical," FirstLight President Curtis Morgan said.

Morgan expects the plant to eventually yield Waterbury

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CLEAN FUEL

FirstLight Power Resources promised a modern and clean plant. The \$120 million gas-fired power plant will emit carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide, but at negligible levels. Company officials say the plant will only run during the highest peaks of demand, when energy is most costly, probably no more than 200 to 300 hours in an entire year.

PLANT: Citizens mostly concerned with pollution

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yearly taxes of between \$3 million and \$4 million. But he's also counting on a local tax incentive program that will exclude a portion of the plant's value from taxation for several years.

Taxes were only one of many issues covered during the session organized by FirstLight.

The event attracted about 25 residents, mostly politicians and community activists, with only a handful of people who either live or own businesses close to the proposed building site.

Company representatives promised a modern and clean plant. It's 200-foot-tall stack will emit carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide, but at negligible levels, Morgan said.

Morgan explained the plant will only run during the highest peaks of demand, when energy is most costly, probably no more than 200 to 300 hours in an entire year. Immediately next to the generator, one would hear sounds akin to riding in a sports car, he said. At 300 feet away, the noise would sound like a humming.

The presentation seemed to win over some, but others harbored reservations.

Lawrence DePillo, a candidate for town clerk, referenced the Phoenix Soil plant that burns contaminated soil in the downtown, venting waste through a smoke stack. He said he was concerned that FirstLight's plant, which is designed to run on diesel when natural gas is unavailable, could be another polluter if forced to rely on the backup fuel.

"It's a good idea," DePillo said. "We need the power and we need the tax base. What we don't need is someone coming in through the back door and giving us another incinerator."

Others, including Waterbury Neighborhood Council President Joshua Angelus, argued that it would be an eyesore.

Len Sexton of South Street, one of few attendees who live in proximity to the proposed building site, left the presentation uncertain of whether to support the proposal, but neither was he entirely hostile. "It's sure better than what's there now, empty buildings," he said.

FirstLight still requires several state and local permits. Morgan pledged to sponsor as many forums as locals desire.

"We have to decide if this is economically feasible together," Morgan told his audience.