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January 10, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

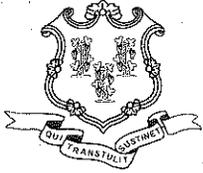
RE: **PETITION NO. 834** – Watertown Renewable Power, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, an operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Watertown High School, Auditorium, 324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on a petition from Watertown Renewable Power, LLC for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, an operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

The 4:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 29, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before January 29, 2008.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Watertown Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by January 30, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Watertown Renewable Power, LLC

Its Representative

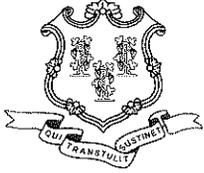
Andrew Lord
Murtha Cullina, LLP
CityPlace I
185 Asylum Street, 29th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Mark Mirabito, Project Manager
Tamarack Energy, Inc.
35 Pratt Street, Suite 101
Essex, CT 06426

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this petition no 834.

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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

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Dear Ms. Girolomo:

In reference to our telephone conversation, your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
4:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Watertown High School
Auditorium
324 French Street
Watertown, Connecticut

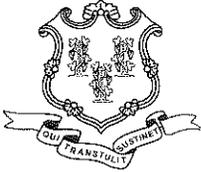
The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary I

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Enclosure (2)



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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **PETITION NO. 834** – Watertown Renewable Power, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, an operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor

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The Hartford Courant

285 Broad St.

Hartford, CT 06115

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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Waterbury Republican American

P.O. Box 2090

Waterbury, CT 06722

Classified/Legal Supervisor

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Town Times

P.O. Box 1

Watertown, CT 06795-0001

FROM: Carriann Mulcahy, Secretary 

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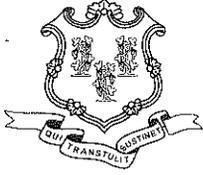
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.
Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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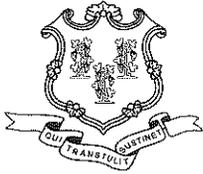
Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before January 29, 2008, will be appreciated.

A copy of this petition is attached for your review and information.

Enclosure: Petition Application

SDP/laf

c: Parties & Intervenors
Council Members



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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Petition No. 834

Location: Echo Lake Road, Watertown

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?
No
2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway?
No
3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.
No
4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?
No



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Terry Lumia
Watertown Board of Education
10 DeForest Street
Watertown, CT 06795

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Dear Ms. Lumia:

Confirming our telephone conversation of December 10, 2007, I appreciate the reservation of the Watertown High School Auditorium for a public hearing on February 5, 2008, from 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Carriann Mulcahy
Secretary I

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Enclosure (2)

Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
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Table for
Court Reporter
(x = chairs)

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

X X X X

Party Table
(seating for three)
(x = chairs)

X X X

Podium for public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)



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The Honorable Elaine H. Adams
Chairman Town Council
Town of Watertown
Town Hall
37 DeForest Street
Watertown, CT 06795-2200

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Dear Chairman Adams:

On December 14, 2007, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding scheduled on February 5, 2008. Although not required by law in a petition for declaratory ruling, because of the nature of this filing the Council has concluded that a public hearing is appropriate. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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