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TO: Parties and Intervenors

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, and operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

At a pre-hearing conference held January 22, 2008, at the Connecticut Siting Council's (Council) office, the Council requested that the following format be used for the public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

1. Before January 30, 2008, 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.
2. The 3:00 p.m. 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.
3. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be first reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record.
4. If time remains, the 7:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to complete their presentation and cross-examination.
5. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by January 30, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting 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.



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6. The Council will provide an opportunity for public officials to make a statement.
7. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
8. A verbatim transcript of the hearing sessions will be made and deposited with the Watertown Town Hall for the convenience of the public.
9. Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of facts within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
10. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
11. Deadlines for briefs, proposed findings of fact, and public statements should be considered final and extensions will not be automatically granted.
12. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties and intervenors with the same interests.
13. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
14. 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 January 30, 2008.
15. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
16. Enclosed is a list of items the Council wishes to notice administratively. Objections to any item on the list should be sent to the Council before the hearing.
17. A public field review of the proposed site will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the proposed site, weather permitting, during the field review. The Council requests that the applicant fly balloons of a different color at each site.
18. 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).
19. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SDP/laf

Enclosure: Administrative Notice List



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Administrative Notice List Petition No. 834

1. EMF, Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with the Use of Electric Power. Questions and Answers. NIEHS 2002.
2. Connecticut 1998 Report On Task Force Activities To Evaluate Health Effects From Electric And Magnetic Fields, The Interagency Task Force Studying Electric And Magnetic Fields, January 1998.
3. Electric and Magnetic Field Best Management Practices for the Construction of Electric Transmission Lines in Connecticut, Connecticut Siting Council, December 14, 2007. Website Link: <http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=895&q=246816>
4. IEEE Standard Procedures for Measurement of Power Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields From AC Power Lines, IEEE Std 644-1994, December 13, 1994.
5. IEEE Guide for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Safe and Reliable Substations for Environmental Acceptance, IEEE Std 1127-1990, January 31, 1990.
6. National Electric Safety Code, C2-2002, August 1, 2001.
7. Review of the Connecticut Electric Utilities Ten-Year Forecasts of Loads and Resources, Connecticut Siting Council, 2005. Website Link: <http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=895&q=246816>
8. Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, May 2002, as amended.
9. Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2005-2010, adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly. Website Link: <http://www.opm.state.ct.us/igp/cdplan/cdplan2.htm>
10. Research on Power-Frequency Fields Completed Under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. National Research Council, 1999.
11. Energy Plan for Connecticut, Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, February 2006. Website Link: <http://www.ctenergy.org/>
12. Power Generation and Fuel Diversity in New England, ISO-New England White Paper, August 25, 2005. Website Link: <http://www.iso-ne.com/pubs/whtpprs/index.html>
13. Electricity Costs White Paper, ISO-New England, June 1, 2006. Website Link: <http://www.iso-ne.com/pubs/whtpprs/index.html>



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