



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



In the matter of)
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The State of Connecticut and) Trading Agreement
) and Order No. 8272
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NE Hydro Generating Company)

Whereas, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection ("Commissioner") and NE Hydro Generating Company ("NHGC") agree that it is in the public interest that they work cooperatively to improve the air quality within the State of Connecticut and that the use of discrete emission reduction credit ("DERC") trading to reduce nitrogen oxide ("NOx") emissions will achieve this result in a timely and cost-effective manner:

A. At the request and with the agreement of NHGC, the Commissioner finds the following:

1. NHGC is an exempt wholesale electric generating company with its principle place of business in Berlin, Connecticut. On or about November 1, 2006 NHGC will purchase from Northeast Generation Company one piece of fuel burning equipment, ("peaking unit") at Tunnel Road, Preston, CT. The peaking unit is a combustion turbine unit identified in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.
2. Emission testing performed on the dates indicated in Table 1, resulted in a NOx emission rates as follows:

Table 1

Facility/ Peaking Unit	Fuel	Allowable Limit (ppmvd)	FLER lbs/MMBtu	Allowable Rate lbs/MMBtu	Date of Stack Test	Next Stack Test Due
Tunnel Road Preston-10	other oil	75	0.72	0.29	3/29/06	3/29/11

3. NHGC exceeds the NOx allowable emission rate for the peaking unit specified in Section 22a-174-22(e) of the Regulations as shown in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.

4. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(j) of the Regulations, during the non-ozone season, NHGC intends to acquire and use approved DERCs until May 1, 2009 for the peaking unit. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(j) of the Regulations, during the ozone season, NHGC intends to acquire and use approved DERCs and/or budget emission reduction credits ("BDERCs") until May 1, 2009 for the peaking unit.
- B. The Commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of this Trading Agreement and Order, and pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(j) of the Regulations, hereby allows NHGC to comply with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations through use of DERC trading.
- C. With the agreement of NHGC, the Commissioner, acting under Sections 22a-6, 22a-171, 22a-174, 22a-176, and 22a-177 of the Connecticut General Statutes, orders NHGC as follows:
1. Upon issuance of this Trading Agreement and Order, at the facility, NHGC shall comply with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations through DERC trading. Until NHGC achieves permanent compliance with the emission standard in Section 22a-174-22(e) of the regulation or by May 1, 2009 whichever occurs earlier:
 - a. NHGC shall use approved DERCs as required under this Trading Agreement and Order;
 - b. NHGC shall have in its possession sufficient approved DERCs to meet applicable NOx emission limits as allowed under this Trading Agreement and Order; and
 - c. NHGC shall comply during operation of the peaking unit with the FLERS shown in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.
 2. DERC use
 - a. Until May 1, 2009, before the first day of each month NHGC shall have in its possession sufficient approved DERCs for the current day for the peaking unit based on the following calculations:

Before the first day of each month, NHGC shall estimate DERCs required for such month for the peaking unit as follows:

(i) At all times:

Estimated DERCs (in tons) use = $[(\text{FLER in lbs/MMBtu}) - (0.95 \times \text{NOx allowable rate in lbs/MMBtu}) \times (\text{estimated fuel use in MMBtu})] \div 2000 \text{ pounds/ton}$

No later than the twentieth day of each month, NHGC shall calculate and permanently retire DERCs used in the preceding calendar month, as follows:

Actual DERCs (in tons) = $[(\text{FLER in lbs/MMBtu}) - (0.95 \times \text{NOx allowable rate in lbs/MMBtu}) \times (\text{actual fuel use in MMBtu})] \div 2000 \text{ pounds/ton}$

Where:

- NOx allowable rate = allowable limit rate in lbs/MMBtu shown in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.
- FLER = full load emission rate in lbs/MMBtu as shown in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.
- Discount (0.95) = 5% design margin applied to the allowable limit rate.

ii) During the ozone season only: No later than December 31st each year, NHGC shall acquire and permanently retire seven ozone season DERCs for every actual ton of excess NOx emitted from the peaking unit during the previous ozone season based upon the actual emissions for each day that Connecticut one hour ozone levels were forecasted to be “moderate to unhealthy”, “unhealthy”, or “very unhealthy”, until such time that the EPA revokes the 1-hour standard. Upon such revocation, NHGC shall calculate and permanently retire seven ozone season DERCs for every actual ton of excess NOx emitted from the peaking unit during such ozone season based upon the actual emissions for each day that Connecticut eight hour ozone levels were forecasted to be “unhealthy for sensitive groups”, “unhealthy”, or “very unhealthy”.

Where:

Actual ton of excess NOx emitted = $[(\text{FLER in lbs/MMBtu}) - (0.95 \times \text{NOx allowable rate in lbs/MMBtu}) \times (\text{actual fuel use in MMBtu})] \div 2000 \text{ pounds/ton}$

The total actual tons of excess NOx emitted from the peaking unit during forecasted ozone exceedance days shall be multiplied by seven and then rounded to the next greater whole ton, to determine the number of DERCs to be permanently retired. This requirement is in addition to the NHGC’s requirement to estimate

excess emissions and subsequent permanent retirement of a sufficient number of approved DERCs in accordance with paragraph C.2.a.(i) of this Trading Agreement and Order.

- b. During the non-ozone season starting on October 1, 2003:

During the non-ozone season: Until May 1, 2009, from October 1 through April 30, inclusive, each year, the peaking unit shall, in addition to meeting the 24-hour emission limit in Table 22-1 of Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations, meet a non-ozone season emission limit of 0.15 lb/MMBtu. Prior to October 1, 2006, October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008, NHGC shall estimate and acquire the amount of DERCs or allowances required for such non-ozone season needed to comply with Section 22a-174-22(e)(3) of the Regulations as follows:

$$\text{Estimated DERCs (tons) use} = \left[\text{Estimated fuel use in MMBtu from October 1 through April 30} \times (\text{allowable emission rate in lbs/MMBtu} - (0.95 \times 0.15 \text{ lb/MMBtu})) \right] \div 2000 \text{ lbs/ton}$$

- c. No later than May 31 of 2007, 2008 and 2009, in addition to the DERCs retired pursuant to paragraph C.2.a. of this Trading Agreement and Order, NHGC shall calculate and permanently retire DERCs used in the preceding non-ozone season as follows:

$$\text{Actual DERCs (tons) used} = \left[\text{Actual fuel use in MMBtu from October 1 through April 30} \times (\text{allowable emission rate in lbs/MMBtu} - (0.95 \times 0.15 \text{ lb/MMBtu})) \right] \div 2000 \text{ lbs/ton}$$

3. BDERCs are subject to all DERC requirements set forth in this Trading Agreement and Order except as expressly indicated. BDERCs shall only be used by other NOx budget program sources located in Connecticut. BDERCs shall only be used to offset ozone season excess emissions, and shall not be used for compliance during the non-ozone season. BDERCs generated during a given year shall only be used through the following ozone season.
4. NHGC shall make and keep records of: daily fuel use and fuel type; excess NOx emissions; the number of DERCs in its possession, created, purchased and used (by serial number if assigned) each month in accordance with the appropriate emission rates and limits in this Trading Agreement and Order; the number of DERCs used during the ozone season and non-ozone season (the remainder of the year); during the ozone season, the ozone classification as forecasted by the Commissioner on the previous day; as well as documentation attesting to the fact that approved DERCs used during the

ozone season were generated during the ozone season. Generator certification of this fact shall be sufficient. NHGC shall maintain and submit such records to the Commissioner in accordance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations.

5. Record Keeping. NHGC shall retain records and supporting documentation as described in this Trading Agreement and Order for a minimum of five years, commencing on the date such records were created. NHGC shall provide the records specified above to the Commissioner within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request from the Commissioner.
6. Annual Emission Statement. No later than March 1 for the previous calendar year and July 30, for the October through April time period, of every year after issuance of this Trading Agreement and Order, NHGC shall provide to the Commissioner, a record of each sale or other transfer, and use of any and all of the DERCs approved within and subsequent to issuance of this Trading Agreement and Order until all such DERCs have been used or are no longer in NHGC's possession. NHGC shall also include actual NOx emissions from the peaking unit and the amount of all DERCs used (including serial numbers (if assigned) and approved DERCs generated and/or purchased from other facilities), generated and/or approved for the previous calendar year and October through April time period. These reports shall be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and shall be in monthly increments, and by ozone and non-ozone seasons.
7. Allowance Use. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(d)(3) of the Regulations, NHGC may use NOx allowances, until May 1, 2009, for the peaking unit pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(j) of the Regulations to achieve all or a portion of the reductions required by Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations. Any allowance used for compliance with Section 22a-174-22(e) of the Regulations shall be subject to all other restrictions and/or requirements applicable to DERCs contained in this Trading Agreement and Order;
 - a. In order for NHGC to use NOx allowances, NHGC shall create a general account or use an existing compliance account or overdraft account in EPA's NOx Allowance Tracking System ("NATS"); and
 - b. Each allowance used for compliance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations shall be equivalent to one discrete emission reduction credit. Allowances shall be considered used for compliance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations when they are transferred from the facility's NOx general account in the NATS or the facility's NOx compliance account in the NATS to the CT State NOx Retirement Account (Account ID CT0000000300 in the NATS).

8. DERC Shortfall. At a minimum, DERCs required shall be adjusted upwards by 100% if DERCs are not in NHGC's possession for use prior to the first day of each month or applicable season. However, nothing in this Trading Agreement and Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to require additional upward adjustment, based on the gravity of any alleged noncompliance or violation of law. NHGC shall permanently retire the quantity of DERCs equivalent to the excess emissions plus a 100% premium within sixty (60) days of NHGC's discovery of the DERC shortfall. NHGC shall certify and report any such DERC retirement to the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph C.30. of this Trading Agreement and Order.
9. Vintage Restriction. For the purposes of compliance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations, DERCs/allowances shall only remain valid for five (5) calendar years from the year of the generation/allocation of such DERCs/allowances. DERCs/allowances older than five (5) calendar years from their creation/allocation are not valid for use for compliance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations. Notwithstanding the above, DERCs will not be valid for use after May 1, 2009. BDERCs are subject to the vintage restriction provided in paragraph C.3. of this Trading Agreement and Order.
10. FLER Exceedance. Noncompliance with an established FLER shall subject NHGC to make restitution by matching the quantity of emissions ("true up") caused by the exceedance plus a 100% premium. The true up in tons of DERCs shall be equal to the FLER exceedance in lbs/MMBtu, multiplied by the total heat input during the period of noncompliance divided by 2000 lbs/ton. If the period of noncompliance is not known, the time period from the completion of the last/previous Commissioner witnessed emission test through the date the FLER compliance is achieved as approved by the Commissioner shall be used. However, nothing in this Trading Agreement and Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to require additional upward adjustment, based on the gravity of any alleged noncompliance or violation of law. NHGC shall permanently retire DERCs calculated in accordance with the above plus a 100% premium within sixty (60) days of NHGC's discovery of the FLER exceedance. NHGC shall report any FLER exceedance to the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph C.30. of this Trading Agreement and Order.
11. FLER Modification. FLERs set forth in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order may be modified only after the consent of the Commissioner by written modification of this Trading Agreement and Order.
12. Emissions Testing. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-22(k) of the Regulations, NHGC shall conduct NOx emission tests of the peaking unit at least once every five years

commencing from the dates of the NOx emission tests for the peaking unit as provided in Table 1 of this Trading Agreement and Order.

13. Extension. No later than May 1, 2009, with respect to the peaking unit, NHGC shall comply with the requirements of Sections 22a-174-22(d)(1) and 22a-174-22(d)(2)(A) of the Regulations and amendments thereto. There is no assurance that the Commissioner will grant a written extension of this Trading Agreement and Order.
14. Future Compliance Report. On or before September 1, 2008, NHGC shall submit a report in writing to the Commissioner, as directed in paragraph C.31. of this Trading Agreement and Order, indicating how the facility shall comply with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations with respect to the peaking unit on and after May 1, 2009.
15. Full compliance. NHGC shall not be considered in full compliance with this Trading Agreement and Order until all actions required by this Trading Agreement and Order have been completed as approved and to the Commissioner's satisfaction.
16. Approvals. NHGC shall use best efforts to submit to the Commissioner all documents required by this Trading Agreement and Order in a complete and approvable form. If the Commissioner notifies NHGC that any document or other action is deficient, and does not approve it with conditions or modifications, it is deemed disapproved, and NHGC shall correct the deficiencies and resubmit it within the time specified by the Commissioner or, if no time is specified by the Commissioner, within 30 days of the Commissioner's notice of deficiencies. In approving any document or other action under this Trading Agreement and Order, the Commissioner may approve the document or other action as submitted or performed or with such conditions or modifications as the Commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Trading Agreement and Order. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse noncompliance or delay.
17. Definitions. As used in this Trading Agreement and Order, "Approved DERCs" are those for which the Commissioner has provided written authorization for use in compliance with Section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations; "Commissioner" means the Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner; "Non-ozone season" means the period from October 1 through April 30 in any given calendar year; "Ozone season" means the period May 1 through September 30 in any given calendar year.
18. Dates. The date of "issuance" of this Trading Agreement and Order is the date the Trading Agreement and Order is deposited in the U.S. mail or personally delivered, whichever is earlier. The date of submission to the Commissioner of any document required by this Trading Agreement and Order shall be the date such document is received by the Commissioner. The date of any notice by the

Commissioner under this Trading Agreement and Order, including but not limited to notice of approval or disapproval of any document or other action, shall be the date such notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or is personally delivered, whichever is earlier. Except as otherwise specified in this Trading Agreement and Order, the word "day" as used in this Trading Agreement and Order means calendar day. Any document or action which is required by this Trading Agreement and Order to be submitted or performed by a date which falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Connecticut or federal holiday shall be submitted or performed by the next day which not a Saturday, Sunday or Connecticut or federal holiday

19. Certification of documents. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Trading Agreement and Order shall be signed by NHGC or, if NHGC is not an individual, by an individual who is an authorized representative of the Respondent, in accordance with Section 22a-174-2a(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and by the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing such document, and each such individual shall certify in writing as follows:

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in the submitted information is punishable as a criminal offense under Section 53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law."

20. Noncompliance. This Trading Agreement and Order is a final order of the Commissioner with respect to the matters addressed herein, and is nonappealable and immediately enforceable. Failure to comply with this Trading Agreement and Order may subject NHGC to an injunction and penalties.
21. False statements. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this Trading Agreement and Order is punishable as a criminal offense under Section 53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.
22. Notice of transfer; liability of NHGC and others. Until NHGC has fully complied with this Trading Agreement and Order, NHGC shall notify the Commissioner in writing no later than fifteen (15) days after transferring all or any portion of any of the facilities, the operations, the sites or the businesses which are the subject of this Trading Agreement and Order or after obtaining a new mailing or location addresses. NHGC's obligations under this Trading Agreement and Order shall not be affected by the passage of title to any property to any other person or municipality.

23. Commissioner's powers. Nothing in this Trading Agreement and Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to prevent or abate violations of law, prevent or abate pollution, recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for past, present, or future violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the actions taken by NHGC pursuant to this Trading Agreement and Order have successfully corrected all violations, fully characterized the extent or degree of any pollution, or successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding to require NHGC to undertake further investigation or further action to prevent or abate violations or pollution.
24. NHGC's obligations under law. Nothing in this Trading Agreement and Order shall relieve NHGC of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.
25. No assurance by Commissioner. No provision of this Trading Agreement and Order and no action or inaction by the Commissioner shall be construed to constitute an assurance by the Commissioner that the actions taken by NHGC pursuant to this Trading Agreement and Order will result in compliance or prevent or abate pollution.
26. Access to facility. Any representative of the Department of Environmental Protection may enter any of these facilities without prior notice for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the actions required or allowed by this Trading Agreement and Order.
27. No effect on rights of other persons. This Trading Agreement and Order neither creates nor affects any rights of persons or municipalities that are not parties to this Trading Agreement and Order.
28. No Creation of Property Rights. This Trading Agreement and Order does not create any property rights with respect to these DERCs.
29. Notice to Commissioner of changes. Within fifteen (15) days of the date NHGC becomes aware of a change in any information submitted to the Commissioner under this Trading Agreement and Order, or that any such information was inaccurate or misleading or that any relevant information was omitted, NHGC shall submit the correct or omitted information to the Commissioner.
30. Notification of noncompliance. In the event that NHGC becomes aware that it did not or may not comply, or did not or may not comply on time, with any requirement of this Trading Agreement and Order or of any document required hereunder, NHGC shall immediately notify by telephone the individual identified in the next paragraph and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any noncompliance or delay is avoided or,

if unavoidable, is minimized to the greatest extent possible. Within five (5) days of the initial notice, NHGC shall submit in writing the date, time, and duration of the noncompliance and the reasons for the noncompliance or delay and propose, for the review and written approval of the Commissioner, dates by which compliance will be achieved, and NHGC shall comply with any dates which may be approved in writing by the Commissioner. Notification by NHGC shall not excuse noncompliance or delay, and the Commissioner's approval of any compliance dates proposed shall not excuse noncompliance or delay unless specifically so stated by the Commissioner in writing.

31. Submission of documents. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Trading Agreement and Order shall, unless otherwise specified in this Trading Agreement and Order or in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Management
Compliance and Field Operations Division
Emissions and Credit Trading Section
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

NHGC consents to the issuance of this Trading Agreement and Order without further notice. The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into this Trading Agreement and Order and to legally bind NHGC to the terms and conditions of the Trading Agreement and Order.

NE Hydro Generating Company

Signature: Dennis R Brown

Name: Dennis R. Brown

Title: Vice President - Asset Operations

Date: 11/1/06

Issued as a final order of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on

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Commissioner

11/7/06
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