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April 22, 2009

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Re: Docket No. 370B: NRG Energy, Inc. Application Pursuant to
C. G.S. § 16-50/(a)(3) for Consideration for a 530 MW Combined
Cycle Generation Plant in Meriden, CT.

Docket No. 370A: CL&P Application for the Greater Springfield
Reliability Project and the Manchester to Meekville Jct. Circuit
Separation Project

Dear Mr. Phelps,

I write on behalf of the Applicant in Docket 370A to comment on the revised proposed schedule circulated to the service list and, in particular, the OCC's suggestion, in its letter dated today, that the hearings be deferred from July to mid September because "ISO-NE is revisiting its needs assessment for NEEWS and similar projects" and will present the results of that reassessment at one of the summer PAC meetings. (original emphasis.)

The Applicant respectfully suggests that the hearings should begin as scheduled, in July. First, although the ISO is proposed projects in light of updated load and resource conditions, it is highly unlikely that that this general reassessment will result in any change to the evaluation of the need for GSRP. As ISO-NE stated in response to Data Request OCC-16 last Thursday:

"ISO-NE does not anticipate a change in the need for the GSRP and continues to believe that it is needed."

In response to OCC-15, ISO-NE explains why it does not anticipate any change in the GSRP need: the new load forecast for 2014 for western Massachusetts, reduced by the capacity added since the initial GSRP load-flow studies were performed, results in a load

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level that is **higher than** the load that resulted in the criteria violations modeled in the ISO-NE Needs Assessment.

Moreover, the unlikely event that ISO-NE might announce some change in the need for GSRP this summer can be accommodated by the existing schedule. The record will still be open then, and the Council could, if necessary, conduct further hearings on that subject. In the meantime, there is much work to be done. We should get started. The application was filed in October, 2008.

Very truly yours,


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