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## **VIA UPS OVERNIGHT COURIER**

Mr. S. Derek Phelps Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Re: Dockets No. 370A and 370B, Application of The Connecticut Light & Power Company for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project and for the Manchester to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project ("GSRP/MMP") and NRG, Inc. Application for 530 MW Generating Plant in Meriden

Dear Mr. Phelps:

On behalf of ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO"), we are responding to the Connecticut Siting Council's September 23, 2009 notice regarding witness availability and the preliminary schedule revision proposed therein. We appreciate the Council's efforts to accommodate witness and counsel availability of the ISO.

In reviewing the Council's proposed schedule for October 21 and October 22, 2009, we note that the OCC and NRG are each scheduled to be present on both of these days. The ISO suggests, for reasons which follow, that it would be more efficient for NRG to present its case on October 21 and for the OCC to appear and present its witness for examination by all parties on October 22.

As previously noted, the undersigned counsel will be unable to attend the hearings on October 21 and, due in part to air travel from the West Coast on October 21, will not have access to hearing transcripts or other means to determine what examination has taken place of the OCC's witness if he is cross-examined on October 21. Furthermore, representatives of the ISO will be at a PAC meeting and will not be present on October 21. Therefore, to avoid repetitive questioning and duplicative cross-examination, it would be helpful to have Mr. Chernick appear for one whole day for examination by all participants rather than to have him appear on separate days for examination first by all non-ISO parties and then by just the ISO.

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An added benefit would be that NRG would be able to present its case in more orderly fashion if able to utilize all of October 21, without the necessity of a break for the appearance of the OCC's witness.

The ISO appreciates the scheduling of its appearance on October 27 and potentially October 28, 2009.

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cc: Kevin Flynn, Esq.

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