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Dear Mr. Phelps:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Meriden ("the City") to respond to the April 9, 2009 letter of the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") regarding NRG's consultation with the City in connection with the proposal of NRG Energy, Inc. to construct a 530 megawatt generating facility in Meriden ("Meriden Project"). On April 9, 2009, the Council sent a letter to the City asking whether NRG's Application, dated March 19, 2009 (the "NRG Application") must be dismissed on the ground that NRG did not comply with the municipal consultation requirements of C.G.S. § 16a-7c(e). That statute requires an entity that submits a proposal in response to a request for proposals issued by the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board to consult with the municipality in which the facility may be located.

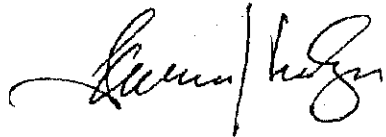
As you know, the Meriden Project originally received its certificate from the Council approximately ten years ago and the Project began construction. Over this period of time, representatives of the City have been in contact with NRG on a regular basis. We are very familiar with the Meriden Project and support its ultimate completion. Representatives of NRG met with City representatives, including myself, regarding the NRG Application on April 2, 2009. Mayor Michael Rohde, the chief elected official of the City, was unable to attend because of a recent hip replacement operation. He and I did meet with representatives of NRG subsequently when his schedule permitted.

The City requests that the NRG Application not be dismissed for failure to comply with the procedures of C.G.S. § 16a-7c(e). The City is satisfied that the underlying purpose of this statute has been met given the extent of the prior and recent communications between NRG and the City and the unique circumstances of the Meriden Project. In the event that the Council finds that NRG's consultation with the City did not conform to the procedures specified in C.G.S. § 16a-7c(e), the City waives any right to object to the application on the basis of any such failure.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Kendzior". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Lawrence J. Kendzior  
City Manager

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