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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. S. Derek Phelps Executive Director State of Connecticut Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re:

Docket No. 370B: NRG Energy, Inc. Application Pursuant to C.G.S. § 16-50*l*(a)(3) for Consideration of a 530 MW Combined Cycle Generating Plant in Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This letter supplements the April 3, 2009 letter submitted by NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council"), which responded to the Council's inquiry regarding NRG's municipal consultations with the City of Meriden and the Town of Berlin pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16a-7c(e). In that letter, NRG stated that it was in the process of scheduling a follow-up meeting with Berlin Town officials and would report the results of that meeting to the Council.

On April 20, 2009, representatives from NRG met with Berlin officials to discuss NRG's March 19, 2009 Application to the Council. During that meeting, NRG and the Berlin officials reviewed the status of the Meriden project and the water pipeline that would run through the streets of Berlin to transport cooling water to the Meriden facility. Present at the April 20, 2009 meeting on behalf of Berlin were Denise McNair, Town Manager, James Mahoney, Economic Development Director, Arthur Simonian, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, and James Horbal, Deputy Director of Public Works and Wetlands/Flood Hazard Agent. As NRG noted in its April 3, 2009 letter, this meeting follows upon nearly ten years of communications between NRG and Roger Kemp, Ms. McNair's predecessor, with respect to the Meriden project and the agreement between NRG and Berlin regarding the water pipeline, which has since expired.

The April 20 meeting was very positive, and NRG was able to satisfactorily answer all questions from the attending Berlin officials regarding the current status of the project and the associated water pipeline. NRG and Ms. McNair agreed that further discussions should be undertaken with the Berlin Town Council to renew the agreement between NRG and Berlin regarding the water pipeline and to respond to any other questions that

the Town Council may have regarding the Meriden project or NRG's Application. NRG also expressed its commitment to make a presentation on the NRG project at an upcoming Town Council meeting if asked to do so by Berlin officials. NRG looks forward to these meetings and believes that it continues to enjoy Berlin's long-standing support for the Meriden project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gordon
NRG Energy, Inc.

Manager of External Affairs