

# **EXHIBIT A**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NEIL A. DUPONT**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT                    )  
  : ss:     Canterbury                   June 12 2008  
COUNTY OF WINDHAM                    )

Neil A. Dupont, being duly sworn, states:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and understand the obligations of making statements under oath. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. I was the First Selectman of the Town of Canterbury, Connecticut from 1995 to 2003 and 2005 through 2007.

3. I am familiar with Petition No. 784 – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC (“PRE”) petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut (the “Petition”), which Petition was approved by the Connecticut Siting Council on June 7, 2007.

4. Over the course of 2006 and 2007, representatives of PRE discussed the Project and the location of the related Pumphouse with me multiple times, in person and over the telephone. PRE kept me timely apprised of changes to the Project, including the change in location of the Pumphouse to the Man-Burch Property. I was fully informed throughout the Connecticut Siting Council Approval Process.

5. In or around the summer of 2006, I met with representatives of PRE regarding the Petition and PRE’s plans to construct a wood biomass generating project in Plainfield, Connecticut (the “Project”) and an intake/outfall structure on property located adjacent to the Quinebaug River in Canterbury, Connecticut (the “Pumphouse”). At that time, I

understood the location of the Pumphouse to be on property owned by Quinebaug Valley Regional Resources, LLC, upstream of what is commonly known as the Yaworski Landfill.

6. In early November of 2006, prior to the public hearing on the Project, I was notified by representatives of PRE that the location of the Pumphouse had been changed and that it would be moved to property located 3000 feet to the south on Packer Road, which property was owned by Man-Burch, LLC and commonly known as the Man-Burch property (the "Man-Burch Property").

7. I was aware that the Connecticut Siting Council was holding a public hearing regarding the Project on November 16, 2006. I chose not to attend the hearing because I did not have any concerns and did not believe that the Town of Canterbury had any concerns related to the Pumphouse or its operation or location.

8. On December 7, 2006, I met with Scott Guilmartin from PRE and Mark Zessin from Anchor Engineering, consultant to PRE working on the Project. At that meeting, we discussed, among other things, the Pumphouse and road and drainage improvements that would be made for the benefit of the Town of Canterbury. We also discussed the size of the pipes to be installed and the water usage from the Quinebaug River. At that time, I was aware that the Pumphouse was to be located on the Man-Burch Property.

9. On January 17, 2007, Richard Cody, the Town of Canterbury Attorney, Al Bottello, the Town of Canterbury Public Works Director and I met with Scott Gilmartin and Mark Zessin regarding the Project and the Pumphouse. At that meeting, we discussed, among other things, the location and installation of the waterline and the

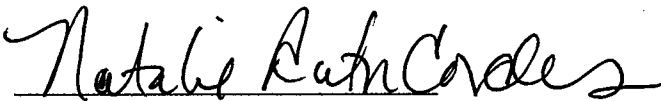
reconstruction of Packer Road. I was aware that the Pumphouse was to be located on the Man-Burch Property.

10. On January 22, 2007, I received a copy of a water diversion permit application submitted by PRE to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The map included in the water diversion permit application depicted the proposed Pumphouse on the Man-Burch Property.



Neil A. Dupont  
Former First Selectman of the Town of Canterbury

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

**NATALIE RUTH CORDES**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APR. 30, 2010

