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Dear Chairman Caruso:

We are writing in strong support of the proposed Montville Biomass project at the NRG generating facility in Montville, Connecticut (the "Biomass Project") proposed to the Connecticut Siting Council in Petition 907.

We fully support NRG's plan to modify Montville Station Unit 5 to use biomass as a fuel source for 30 megawatts (MW) of the unit's 82-MW generating capacity. NRG has proposed using "green wood" biomass, which is essentially chipped wood. This form of biomass is a renewable source of energy that will help lower the facility's net carbon footprint. NRG will obtain the green wood and whole tree chip biomass from nearby foresters and saw mills, which will provide economic benefits to the region while reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and reducing dependence on natural gas fuel sources.

When this Biomass Project comes online, it will be another step in helping Connecticut reach its goal of creating 20 percent Class 1 renewable power generation by 2020. NRG recently received Class 1 certification from the DPUC for this project. This means that the project, once completed, will be able to immediately start taking advantage of the state's renewable energy credit program. It also means that this power will count toward the state's renewable power generation goals.

The Biomass Project provides critically needed economic benefits by ensuring the ongoing viability of Montville Station as a power generation site and as an employer in Montville. The project will allow NRG to maintain or increase employment levels at Montville Station and will provide incremental property tax revenues to the town. Additionally, this shovel-ready project creates significant construction jobs that will provide immediate economic benefit to the region.

Thank you for your consideration of NRG's Biomass Project.

Sincerely,

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