DATE: October 1, 2009

RE: **PETITION NO. 907** – Montville Power LLC petition for a declaratory ruling

that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the retrofit and operation of a 40 MW Biomass-Fueled Generation Unit at the

Montville Station in Uncasville, Connecticut. Schedule

I. <u>Introduction</u>

On July 22, 2009, Montville Power LLC submitted a petition to the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need would be required for the retrofit and operation of a 40 megawatt Biomass-Fueled Generation Unit at the existing Montville Station in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Montville Power LLC proposes to retrofit Montville Station Unit 5 to allow the use of wood biomass to produce up to 40 megawatts of renewable energy. The generator would also be equipped to burn ultra-low sulfur distillate fuel or natural gas to produce 82 megawatts of power, when necessary.

The modifications to the plant would include the retrofit of Unit 5 and the construction of a wood biomass receiving and storage area. The receiving and storage area would be constructed adjacent to Lathorp Road and several abutting residences.

II. Proposed Schedule

Petition received	07/22/09
Council Pre-hearing Questions:	
Set-One Filed	08/05/09
Set-One responses due	08/27/09
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	09/02/09
Pre-filed testimony due	09/09/09
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/09/09
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	09/16/09
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/16/09
Deadline for Town and NRG negotiations	10/16/09
Deadline for public comment	10/16/09
Council decision on continued hearing	10/22/09
Close of Record	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD

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