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Keeping Connecticut's Lights On: Devon Unit 10 Returns to Service as NRG Implements Long-Term "Powering Connecticut with NRG" Plan

Milford, CT; (June 29, 2006)—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) will bring a 17 megawatt (MW) fast-start generation unit at Devon Generating Station back to active service today to support the reliability needs of the power system in southwestern Connecticut during July and August.

Unit 10, originally installed in 1987, is designed to generate electricity when it is needed most, during periods of peak usage, in the heat of the summer and in the cold of winter. Although this unit was taken out of active service in late 2002, it was brought back online briefly in August 2003 to help restart the electric system after the northeast blackout. Now, increased concerns about electric transmission system reliability in southwestern Connecticut have led NRG to make the unit active so that it will be available for the summer reliability season.

The Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) supported Devon 10's return to service and helped NRG bring this unit online prior to the summer season by coordinating all required studies with the local utilities—Connecticut Light & Power and United Illuminating—who all cooperated in returning Devon 10 to service.

"We recognize that Devon unit 10 is one small step in the effort to keep the lights on in Connecticut," commented Curt Morgan, NRG Northeast Region President. "The Powering Connecticut with NRG plan, which includes bringing additional quick-start generation to Devon Station, will provide Connecticut residents with reliable power, reduced emissions, long-term economic benefits and will help to stabilize electric rates."

On June 12, 2006, NRG announced "Powering Connecticut with NRG," a comprehensive plan to create new generation, install additional environmental controls on existing power plants and replace older, less-efficient plants with state-of-the-art power plants.

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