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NORTHEAST GENERATION SERVICES SCHEDULES PUBLIC FORUMS TO DISCUSS SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Meetings to be held February 16, 21 and 22 at three locations

BERLIN, Connecticut, January 19, 2006 — Northeast Generation Services Company (NGS), operator of the hydro-electric power stations that form the Housatonic River Project, invites all interested parties to three public forums on the Shoreline Management Plan being developed for the Housatonic River Project, which includes Candlewood Lake, Lake Zoar, Lake Lillinonah, and the Falls Village and Bulls Bridge riverfronts. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Falls Village and Bulls Bridge Areas

Thursday, February 16, 7pm – 9pm
Kent Community House – Upper Level

Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar Areas

Tuesday, February 21, 7pm – 9pm
Brookfield Town Hall

Candlewood Lake Area

Wednesday, February 22, 7pm – 9pm
New Fairfield High School

Additional information and travel directions to the public forums are available online at www.essexpartnership.com/HRP.asp.

NGS has sought input from a broad range of groups and individuals to ensure that the Shoreline Management Plan will take into account concerns from the public, towns and state, local and federal officials. In addition to the public forums, a series of stakeholder meetings have been held over the past five months to identify goals, shoreline issues, and appropriate solutions within the framework of government regulations and land use permitting.

The Shoreline Management Plan is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) license order, and focuses on shoreline lands surrounding Candlewood Lake (Rocky River station), Lake Zoar (Stevenson station), and Lake Lillinonah (Shepaug station) as well as riverfront lands associated with the Falls Village and Bulls Bridge stations.

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To assist in the plan development process, NGS has retained the services of The Essex Partnership, a New England-based consulting firm specializing in energy planning and environmental management.

On June 23, 2004, FERC issued a new license order to Northeast Generation Company (NGC) for the continued operation of the Housatonic River Project (FERC No. 2576). Northeast Generation Services Company (NGS) operates and maintains NGC's hydroelectric generating stations in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Both NGC and NGS are part of the Northeast Utilities system (NYSE: NU).

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