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Hartford, CT – CT Energy & Technology, LLC, the parent company of Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC, today provided written and oral testimony to the Energy & Technology of the Connecticut State legislature in support of Governor’s Bill 7036- **“An Act promoting the use of fuel cells for electric distribution system benefits and reliability.”** Governor’s Bill 7036, if enacted, would allow electrical utility companies in Connecticut to procure an aggregate of up to 10 MW of electricity from fuel cells to provide improved reliability and grid stability.

William Corvo, the President of CT Energy & Technology, LLC, testified on behalf of Beacon Falls Energy Park. Corvo urged the Committee to adopt the Governor’s Bill but asked that the quantity of megawatts in the legislation be increased from the proposed 10 megawatts to 150 megawatts.

In his testimony, Corvo specifically cited the immediate availability of the 63.3 megawatt Beacon Falls Energy Park (the “Project”) and described the project’s ability to achieve the results intended in Governor’s Bill 7036. Corvo also described the additional substantial positive impacts that projects like Beacon Falls Energy Park would be able to provide to Connecticut which include economic benefits such as jobs and tax revenue, significant contributions to Connecticut’s renewable energy goals and a magnitude drop in area emissions.

The Beacon Falls Energy Park is a fully permitted and shovel ready project which can be fully operational by the end of 2019. All of the major participants in the project are Connecticut-based companies and taxpayers. O&G Industries, Inc. (“O&G”), based in Torrington, CT, is the parent company of Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC and the EPC contractor for the project. The fuel cells for the project will be manufactured by FuelCell Energy, Inc., a Connecticut-based company with its manufacturing facility in Torrington, CT and headquarters in Danbury, CT. Beacon Falls Energy Park will provide approximately 500 manufacturing and construction jobs for companies in Connecticut during development. Many of the jobs will be sustained over the 20 year life of the Project because FuelCell will operate and maintain the facility. Because of the size of the project and the number of associated jobs, it will generate increased economic activity that will benefit local Connecticut economies.

The Beacon Falls Energy Park will generate substantial sales tax revenue for the State of Connecticut on the fuel cell equipment and maintenance agreements. During its construction the Project will pay \$12.7 million in sales tax to the state and an additional \$22 million over the 20 year life of the Project on its operation and maintenance. In addition, the hundreds of jobs created or retained by the project will contribute substantial employment and income tax revenue to Connecticut. The project also signed a tax stabilization agreement with the Town of Beacon Falls in January under which it will pay nearly \$50 million in property taxes to the Town over 23 years, making it the town’s largest taxpayer. Improvements to electrical substations and expanded natural gas lines required by the project will provide additional jobs during development as well as additional tax revenue. Out of state renewable energy projects provide no tax or other significant economic benefits to Connecticut.

In his testimony, Corvo explained that base load renewable energy projects like the Beacon Falls Energy Park are needed if Connecticut is going to meet its statutory mandated goal of having 20% of the state’s

electricity generated by Class I renewable resources by 2020. Fuel cells are classified as Class I renewable energy sources in Connecticut. Unlike intermittent renewable energy sources such as solar or wind, fuel cells generate continuous power and are not dependent on the weather or time of day. Because of fuel cells' continuous availability, they avoid the cost and pollutants incurred by intermittent projects which typically require fossil-fueled peaking power generation to back them up when the sun does not shine or the wind does not blow. The Project will yield 9,760,000 RECs over its 20 year life and will lead to an actual reduction in air pollution in Connecticut.

CT Energy & Technology's written testimony on Governor's Bill 7036 is available at:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/etdata/tmy/2017HB-07036-R000221-Corvo,%20William,%20President-CT%20Energy%20and%20Technology-TMY.PDF>

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