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BEACON FALLS, CT – January 21, 2016 – At a Special Meeting of the Town of Beacon Falls Board of Selectman, the Selectmen voted unanimously to approve a tax stabilization agreement with Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC on the 63.3 megawatt fuel cell facility that the company is developing on a former sand and gravel mine on Lopus Road. Beacon Falls Energy Park and the Town of Beacon Falls have worked together in negotiating this agreement since the middle of 2015. The purpose of the tax stabilization agreement is to provide both the town and the energy park project with certainty and stability in the amount of property taxes that will be payable by Beacon Falls Energy Park to the town. Connecticut law allows municipalities to enter into tax stabilization agreements with electric generating facilities.

Under the terms of the negotiated agreement, the Town of Beacon Falls will receive nearly \$50 million dollars over the 23 year term of the agreement. If the energy park becomes operational, it will be the largest taxpayer in Beacon Falls. The successfully negotiated agreement with the Town of Beacon Falls helps the town to stabilize its tax revenues and facilitate its long range planning. The agreement is important to the Beacon Falls Energy Park in facilitating financing for the project. It allows the project to forecast its revenues and expenses and to compete more effectively in the electric generation market.

The tax stabilization agreement enables the Beacon Falls Energy Park to submit a more competitive bid to a Request For Proposals (“RFP”) being conducted by Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts for clean and renewable energy projects to advance their clean energy goals. Fuel cells are a Class I renewable energy source in Connecticut. When completed, the Beacon Falls Energy Park will be the largest fuel cell facility of its kind in the world, and the largest Class I renewable energy facility in Connecticut. The project will provide clean and reliable energy to approximately 60,000 Connecticut residents and businesses and will be a robust addition to Connecticut’s renewable energy portfolio.

The project will also sustain Connecticut manufacturing and construction jobs and generate several millions of dollars in tax revenue for the State of Connecticut at a time when such economic benefits are needed in the state. O&G Industries, Inc. 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. (FCEL), a Connecticut based company with its manufacturing facility in Torrington, Connecticut. The project will further pay income and sales taxes to the State of Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council unanimously approved the project’s petition earlier this month. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin later in 2016 with the project fully operational at the end of 2019.

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