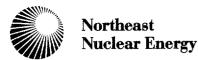
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# Before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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and	) 50-423
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Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.	)
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(Millstone Nuclear Power Station,	)
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# APPLICATION FOR ORDER AND CONFORMING LICENSE AMENDMENTS TO TRANSFER FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES DPR-21, DPR-65 AND NPF-49





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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3 Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-21, DPR-65 and NPF-49 Docket Nos. 50-245, 50-336 and 50-423 Application for Order and Conforming Amendments for License Transfer

Pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and 10 C.F.R. § 50.80, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ("NNECO"), on its own behalf and on behalf of certain selling owners, and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Nuclear Connecticut") hereby apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") for an order consenting to the transfer of Operating Licenses DPR-21, DPR-65, and NPF-49 for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3. This application seeks NRC's consent to the transfer by NNECO and the selling owners of their respective operating and ownership interests and authority under the licenses for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3 to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. This application also requests conforming administrative amendments to these licenses to delete references to NNECO and the selling owners and to authorize Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to possess, use and operate the units, and to possess and use related licensed materials, under the same conditions and authorizations included in the current licenses.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Energy, which is in turn owned by Dominion Resources, Inc. ("DRI"). DRI is the largest fullyintegrated natural gas and electric power provider in the United States with over \$24 billion in assets, over \$8 billion in annual revenue, and over \$2 billion in annual operating cash flow. Virginia Power, which is the licensed owner and operator of the North Anna and Surry nuclear stations, is also a subsidiary of DRI and has one of the finest records of safe and economic nuclear plant operation in the world, having for example achieved top rankings for operational excellence from both the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations ("INPO") and the NRC since 1991. Thus, the Dominion companies possess substantial nuclear experience and capabilities.

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Subject to the receipt of all required regulatory approvals, the parties wish to close this transaction at the earliest practicable date following completion of the next refueling outage for Unit 3, which is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of Spring, 2001. Accordingly, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, NNECO and the selling owners request that the NRC review this application on a schedule that will permit the issuance of the NRC order consenting to the transfer and the approval of the conforming license amendments as promptly as possible and in any event by March 1, 2001. Such consent should be immediately effective upon issuance and should permit the transfer and the implementation date of the conforming amendments to occur up to one year after issuance or such later date as the NRC may permit. The parties will keep the NRC informed if there are any significant changes in the status of other required regulatory approvals or other developments that affect the schedule.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut and the Selling Owners wish to have a single coordinated closing with respect to the transfer of the ownership interests of all the Selling Owners. However, because of the number of Selling Owners with interests in Millstone Unit 3 and the possibility that regulatory approvals of Selling Owners doing business in other jurisdictions outside of Connecticut could occur at different times, it is possible that the closings for the Connecticut utilities and some of the other Selling Owners (and the transfer of their interests) could occur before the closings for other Selling Owners. If this is likely to occur, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will promptly inform the NRC, so that initial license amendments may be limited to those sellers involved in the initial closing.

If the NRC requires additional information concerning this application, please contact David A. Smith, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, NNECO at 860-437-5840, or Joseph D. Hegner, Project Supervisor, Dominion Energy, at 804-273-2770. Service upon the applicants of comments, hearing requests, intervention petitions or other pleadings should be made to David R. Lewis, Counsel for Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, at Shaw Pittman, 2300 N Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20037 (Tel. 202-663-8474; fax. 202-663-8007; e-mail: david.lewis@shawpittman.com) and Lillian M. Cuoco, Counsel for NNECO, at Northeast Utilities Service Co., P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141 (Tel. 860-665-3195; fax. 860-665-5504; e-mail: cuocolm@nu.com).

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

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#### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.80, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ("NNECO"), on its own behalf and on behalf of selling owners of interests in the Millstone Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 identified below (the "Selling Owners," which include all owners except the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation), and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Nuclear Connecticut") hereby apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") for an order consenting to the transfer of Facility Operating Licenses DPR-21, DPR-65, and NPF-49 for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively. This application seeks NRC's consent to the transfer by NNECO and the Selling Owners of their respective operating and ownership interests and authority under these licenses to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. This application also requests conforming amendments to these licenses to delete references to NNECO and the Selling Owners and to authorize Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to possess, use and operate the units, and to possess and use related licensed materials, under the same conditions and authorizations included in the current licenses.

This application does not request any amendments to the facility operating licenses other than those administrative amendments necessary to reflect transfer of the licenses. This application does not request approval of any physical changes in the units, or any changes to the conduct of operations. After transfer of the licenses, the units will continue to be operated and maintained in accordance with each unit's current licensing basis.

Marked-up pages showing the requested changes to the Licenses and Technical Specifications are provided as Exhibit A to this application.<sup>1</sup> Exhibit B is an evaluation showing that these amendments raise no significant hazards considerations.

# II. Statement of Purpose of the Transfer and Nature of the Transaction Making the Transfer Necessary or Desirable

In connection with P.A. 98-28, a comprehensive electric restructuring act in Connecticut requiring The Connecticut Light and Power Company and the United Illuminating Company to divest all of their generating assets, including their ownership interests in Millstone Station, an auction was conducted by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control ("DPUC"). Other co-owners of the Millstone units consented to participate in the auction to divest their interests as well, partly in furtherance of restructuring initiatives in other states.

Pursuant to this process, Dominion Resources, Inc. ("DRI"), NNECO, and the Selling Owners have entered into purchase and sale agreements under which NNECO and Selling

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If any other unrelated license amendments that might be issued prior to the license transfer affect the proposed conforming amendments, we will notify the NRC and supplement this application to show the new marked-up and typed pages.

Owners will transfer their respective operating and ownership interests in the Millstone Station, Units 1, 2 and 3 to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, as DRI's assignee.<sup>2</sup> Copies of the agreements are included as Exhibit C to this application.<sup>3</sup> This transaction is part of the ongoing restructuring of the electric utility industry throughout the United States, which is intended to foster greater competition in the electricity generation market.

Unit 2 is approximately an 875 MWe (net) pressurized water reactor consisting of a Combustion Engineering nuclear steam supply system, a General Electric (GE) turbine generator, and associated equipment. Unit 3 is approximately a 1154 MWe (net) pressurized water reactor consisting of a Westinghouse nuclear steam supply system, a GE turbine generator, and associated equipment. Unit 1 is a permanently shut down and defueled GE boiling water reactor which is currently being decommissioned. Units 1 and 2 are licensed under section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act (the "Act"), while Unit 3 is licensed under section 103 of the Act. The station is located in the Town of Waterford, 3.2 miles west-southwest of New London, in New London County, Connecticut, and is on the north shore of Long Island Sound.

The current owners of Units 1, 2, and 3, and their respective interests, are as follows:

#### Units 1 and 2

The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P")81%Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO")19%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Under the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreements, DRI may assign the agreements to an affiliate, which is then considered the Buyer under the agreements. DRI will assign the agreements to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut prior to or simultaneous with the closing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Because of their size, the schedules (except for schedule 5.10(b) providing the decommissioning trust closing amount) and exhibits to the Purchase and Sale Agreement are not included with this application, but will be made available to the NRC upon request.

<u>Unit 3</u>	
CL&P	52.93%
WMECO	12.24%
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	2.85%
The United Illuminating Company	3.69%
New England Power Company	16.21%
Central Maine Power Company	2.50%
Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant	1.35%
Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative	1.09%
Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Coop.	0.35%
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company	0.22%
Village of Lyndonville Electric Department	0.05%
Central Vermont Public Service Corporation	1.73%
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company	4.80%

All of the owners other than the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation are participating in the sale and are conveying their ownership interests to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut.

Upon closing (and subject to the NRC's consent and license amendments), Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume title to the facility including all equipment, spare parts, fixtures, inventory, and other property necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Millstone Units 2 and 3 and the maintenance and decommissioning of Millstone Unit 1, but not including transmission and distribution assets. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will take title to all spent nuclear fuel and other licensed materials at the units, as well as nuclear fuel procured for Millstone. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will also assume all responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the units. The assets to be transferred will include all records and documents necessary for operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the units, including all documents comprising the current licensing basis of the units. The transmission and distribution assets on the site will continue to be owned by CL&P and will be operated under an Interconnection Agreement between CL&P and Dominion Nuclear

Connecticut which will assure compliance with NRC requirements. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will own the real property on which the transmission and distribution assets are located and will grant CL&P appropriate easements for their operation and maintenance.

At closing, the qualified and non-qualified decommissioning funds for each Selling Owner will be transferred to qualified and non-qualified decommissioning trust funds established by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. Assuming a closing date of April 1, 2001, these funds will have a net cash value of \$268.3 million for Unit 1, \$252.9 million for Unit 2, and \$246.8 million for Unit 3 on an after-tax basis after transfer to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. If the existing funds are not at these levels, the responsible Sellers will make additional deposits to bring the funds up to the required amounts, and if closings occur after April 1, 2001, the required funding amounts that Sellers must transfer will be escalated accordingly. Following the closing, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will be responsible for all Millstone Station decommissioning costs and activities, and the decommissioning obligations of the Selling Owners shall be extinguished.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will make offers of employment to all employees of NNECO or its affiliates who are employed in the operation of the Millstone Units prior to the transfer. No physical changes to the plant are being proposed as part of this application. The conforming amendments that are being requested are limited to those amendments necessary to reflect the new owner and its organization. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume all regulatory commitments and will continue to comply with the current licensing basis of the facility.

#### **III.** Supporting Information

#### A. Name of New Licensee

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

#### B. Address

120 Tredegar Street Richmond, VA 23219

## C. Description of Business or Occupation

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is a newly-formed corporation formed to acquire and operate the Millstone Station. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will be an Exempt Wholesale

Generator.

#### D. Corporate Information

### 1. State of Incorporation and Place of Business

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is a corporation established in the State of Delaware.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's principal place of business is Connecticut.

#### 2. Directors and Principal Officers

The names and addresses of the sole director and principal officers of Dominion Nuclear

Connecticut, all of whom are U.S. citizens, are listed below:

#### **Director**

#### Thomas F. Farrell, II

Citizenship: United States

Business: P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261

# **Officers**

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	Thomas F. Farrell, II – Chief Executive Officer	
	Citizenship:	United States
	Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261
	James P. O'Hanlor	n – President and Chief Operating Officer
	Citizenship:	United States
	Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261
	<u>David Christian</u> –	Senior Vice President
	Citizenship:	United States
	Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261
<u> </u>	<u>G. Scott Hetzer</u> – S	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
	Citizenship:	United States
	Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261
	<u>E. Paul Hilton</u> – Se	enior Vice President – Bulk Sales
	Citizenship:	United States
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	Paul D. Koonce –	Senior Vice President – Portfolio Management
	Citizenship:	United States
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John A. Shaw - Senior Vice President - Financial Management

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Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261		
James W. Braswell – Vice President – Operations/Unregulated			
Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261		
Malcolm G. Deac	con, Jr. – Vice President, Technical Services		
Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261		
Pamela F. Fagger	<u>t</u> – Vice President – Chief Environmental Officer		
Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	Innsbrook Technical Center 5000 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060-6711		
James K. Martin – Vice President, Business Development			
Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261		
Annetta R. Riekel – Vice President – Human Resources			
Citizenship:	United States		
Business:	120 Tredegar Street, 3rd Floor		

Richmond, VA 23219

#### <u>Richard T. Thatcher</u> – Vice President – Market Services

Citizenship:	United States
Business:	Innsbrook Technical Center-3 North 5000 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060-6711

Patricia A. Wilkerson - Vice President and Secretary

Citizenship: United States

Business: P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261

Lee D. Katz - Controller

Citizenship: United States

Business: P. O. Box 26532 Richmond, VA 23261

Existing NNECO officers who may accept offers to join Dominion Nuclear Connecticut are also

U.S. citizens.

#### 3. No Foreign Ownership or Control

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is not owned, controlled or dominated by an alien, a

foreign corporation, or a foreign government.

#### 4. No Agency

In seeking to become the licensed owner and operator of Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3,

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is not acting as the agent or representative of another person.

#### 5. Relationship to Shareholders

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion

Energy, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc. ("DRI"). Dominion

Nuclear Connecticut is owned directly by Dominion Nuclear Marketing I, Inc., Dominion Nuclear Marketing II, Inc., and Dominion Nuclear Marketing III, L.L.C., which collectively own 100 percent of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's stock. Dominion Nuclear Marketing I, Inc., and Dominion Nuclear Marketing II, Inc., are in turn direct, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Dominion Nuclear, Inc., which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Energy. Dominion Nuclear Marketing III, L.L.C., is owned by Dominion Nuclear, Inc. and Dominion Nuclear Holdings, Inc., collectively. Dominion Nuclear Holdings, Inc., is wholly-owned by Dominion Nuclear, Inc. This corporate relationship, which is established for marketing and business alignment purposes, and which does not affect the financial qualifications of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, is depicted in Exhibit D.

To provide added assurance that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will have sufficient funds available to meet its operating expenses for Units 2 and 3, DRI has entered into an agreement with Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to make funding of up to \$150 million available to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. Under the terms of this agreement, attached as Exhibit E hereto Dominion Nuclear Connecticut has the right to obtain such funds from DRI as Dominion Nuclear Connecticut determines are necessary to protect the public health and safety, meet NRC requirements, meet ongoing operational expenses or to maintain Units 2 and 3 safely. This agreement will not terminate until both Units permanently cease operation, and may not be modified or amended without 30 days prior written notice to the NRC.

DRI is the largest fully-integrated natural gas and electric power provider in the United States with over \$24 billion in assets, over \$8 billion in annual revenue, and over \$2 billion in annual operating cash flow. DRI's Annual Reports for the last five years are provided as Exhibit

F. Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, DRI serves more than 2.1 million retail electric customers and 1.9 million gas customers; operates in excess of 6,000 miles of electric transmission lines and over 7,600 miles of gas lines throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the country; and produces more than 20,000 megawatts of electricity by operating fossil, hydroelectric, and nuclear units in an efficient mix of generation technologies. Thus, there is reasonable assurance that DRI can meet its commitment to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut.

#### E. Technical Qualifications

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will make offers of employment with comparable compensation and benefits to all employees of NNECO or its affiliates who are employed in the operation of the Millstone Units up to three months prior to the transfer. Thus, substantially all of NNECO's managers and employees are expected to become Dominion Nuclear Connecticut employees after the license transfer.

The plant staff, including senior managers, will remain essentially unchanged by the transfer. Similarly, other than possible realignment of administrative and support services (such as accounting, business services, information technology), it is expected that the organizational structure, including lines of authority and communication, at and below the Millstone Senior Vice President's position will not be changed by the transfer. Above this level, the only expected change is that the Senior Vice President Millstone position will report to the Senior Vice President (Mr. Christian) in Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, who will report to the President and Chief Operating Officer (Mr. O'Hanlon), who in turn will report to the Chief Executive Officer (Mr. Farrell). If Dominion Nuclear Connecticut determines that any other senior management changes will be made contemporaneously with the transfer, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will

ensure that any new managers meet all existing qualification requirements and will inform the NRC and provide the NRC with a resume of the new manager prior to the license transfer.

Because NNECO's existing organization is being transferred into Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, the technical qualifications of the organization operating Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3 will be essentially unchanged. Statements of the education and experience of Mr. O'Hanlon and Mr. Christian are provided as Exhibit G. An organization chart showing the reporting relationship described above is provided as Exhibit H.

While Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will not be relying on other organizations to establish its technical qualifications, the extensive experience and technical capabilities of Virginia Power (also a subsidiary of DRI) is a valuable resource available to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut if necessary. Virginia Power has an exemplary safety and operational record at its North Anna and Surry plants, having for example achieved top rankings for operational excellence from both the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations ("INPO") and the NRC since 1991 while maintaining an average capacity factor in excess of 90 percent over the last five years. This level of experience and capability in an affiliated company provides added assurance that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will have the technical qualifications necessary to conduct licensed activities at the Millstone Station.

#### F. Financial Qualifications

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.33(f) and the Standard Review Plan on Power Reactor Licensee Financial Qualifications and Decommissioning Funding Assurance (NUREG-1577, Rev. 1), projected income statements for the five-year period from April 1, 2001 until December 31, 2006 are provided in Exhibit I. The Projected Income Statements show that the anticipated

revenues from sales of energy and capacity from Millstone Units 2 and 3 provide reasonable assurance of an adequate source of funds to meet Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's anticipated expenses during the five-year period covered by the projections. The revenues include sales of electricity and capacity under power purchase agreements covering CL&P and WMECO's current entitlement (100 percent of the Unit 2 generation and approximately 65% of the Unit 3 generation) through December 31, 2001, and Central Maine Power's entitlement (2.5 percent of Unit 3 generation) through February 28, 2002. The remainder of the revenues are from sales at market-based rates, which have been conservatively estimated using the market price forecasts approved by the Connecticut DPUC in its July 7, 1999, decision on the Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company for Calculation of Stranded Costs (Docket No. 99-02-05). The operating expenses included in the Projected Income Statements are based on a projected financial summary prepared by NNECO in connection with the auction overseen by the Connecticut DPUC.<sup>4</sup> The Projected Income Statements show that there is reasonable assurance that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will have sufficient funds to cover operating costs.

In addition to the Projected Income Statements, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is providing as Exhibit J a projected opening balance sheet showing its anticipated assets, liabilities and capital structure expected as of the closing date. Further, as previously discussed, DRI has entered into an agreement with Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to make funding of up to \$150 million available to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. This level of funding covers the approximate combined O&M costs that Units 2 and 3 would expect to incur over a six-month

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For internal commercial purposes, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut has considered a range of cost and price scenarios. The cost and price projections provided to support this application are more conservative than Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's business assumptions.

outage, as suggested by the NRC's Standard Review Plan (NUREG-1577, Rev. 1, at p. 10), and provides added assurance that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut is financially qualified to conduct licensed activities at the Millstone Station.

#### G. Decommissioning Funding

As stated earlier, the qualified and non-qualified decommissioning funds for each Selling Owner will be transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut at closing. Assuming a closing date of April 1, 2001, these funds will have an aggregate net cash value of \$268.3 million for Unit 1, \$252.9 million for Unit 2, and \$246.8 million for Unit 3 on an after-tax basis after transfer to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. These funds will be held in an external trust fund segregated from Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's assets and outside its administrative control. The trustee will manage investment of the funds in accordance with applicable requirements and license conditions.

The net cash value (after tax) of the decommissioning funds for Units 2 and 3 that will be transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut at closing exceeds the NRC decommissioning funding requirements established by 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(c). Exhibit K provides worksheets calculating the NRC-required decommissioning funding amounts for Units 2 and 3 in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 50.75(c), NRC Regulatory Guide 1.159, and NUREG-1307, Rev. 8. When the two percent annual real rate of return is credited through the term of the licenses, as permitted by 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(e)(1)(i), the credited value of the prepaid funds transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will exceed \$338.7 million for Unit 2 and \$402.9 million for Unit 3, both

well in excess of the NRC's formula amount requirements of \$279 million and \$296 million for Units 2 and 3 respectively.<sup>5</sup>

Because Millstone Unit 1 is a permanently shut down unit in the process of being decommissioned, its decommissioning funding requirements are established on the basis of a site-specific estimate rather than by formula, consistent with NRC regulations. Prior to transfer of the license, a substantial amount of decommissioning work will already have been completed for Unit 1. The Purchase and Sale Agreement requires that Unit 1 be placed in "cold and dark" condition prior to the closing, as defined in the section 13 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.<sup>6</sup> The cost of remaining decommissioning activities after Unit 1 is placed in a "cold and dark" condition is estimated to be \$504.5 million. This estimate is based on a site-specific study prepared by TLG, Inc. and includes amounts for spent fuel storage during the SAFSTOR period, even though such spent fuel storage costs are not considered decommissioning costs by the NRC. The estimate for the cost of completing decommissioning is derived by taking TLG's site-specific study and subtracting (1) the cost of placing Unit 1 in a cold and dark condition, and (2) costs related to an independent spent fuel storage installation which will not be pursued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the number of Selling Owners with interests in Millstone Unit 3 and the possibility that regulatory approvals of Selling Owners doing business in other jurisdictions outside of Connecticut could occur at different times, it is possible that the closings for the Connecticut utilities and some of the other Selling Owners (and the transfer of their interests) could occur before the closings for other Selling Owners. If more than one closing occurs, the Qualified Funds and Nonqualified Funds for each Selling Owner participating in a closing will be transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut when such closing occurs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If Unit 1 is not in a Cold and Dark condition at closing, CL&P and WMECO must either provide additional money to the Unit 1 decommissioning fund to complete this work or pay for the completion of the work.

When earnings on fund balances (at an assumed two percent real rate) and withdrawals are considered over the decommissioning period, decommissioning funding assurance of \$293.7 million is required to meet the site-specific estimate, as shown on the Unit 1 worksheet provided as Exhibit L. Since the Unit 1 funds that will be transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will have a net cash value of \$268.3 million, additional decommissioning funding assurance of approximately \$26 million is required. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will provide this additional funding assurance by parent guarantee, as permitted by 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(e)(1)(iii). Exhibit M provides a worksheet demonstrating compliance with the NRC's financial test for parent guarantees, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(e)(1)(iii)(C) and 10 C.F.R. Part 30, Appendix A. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut has chosen to demonstrate compliance using the test in section II.A.2 of the Appendix. A copy of the guarantee is provided as Exhibit N.

#### H. No Antitrust Considerations

In accordance with the Commission's decision in <u>Kansas Gas and Electric Company</u> (Wolf Creek Generating Station, Unit 1), CLI-99-19, 49 N.R.C. 441 (1999), antitrust reviews of license transfer applications after initial licensing are not required by the Atomic Energy Act. In addition, Millstone Units 1 and 2 are licensed under section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act and are exempt from antitrust review requirements for that reason as well. None of the licenses contain antitrust conditions.

#### I. Other Licensing Considerations

#### 1. Offsite Power

CL&P currently provides off-site power to the Millstone Station over transmission facilities owned by CL&P. As part of the sale of the Millstone Units, CL&P has entered into an Interconnection Agreement with Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to provide such off-site power

under terms requiring compliance with all applicable NRC requirements. A copy of the Interconnection Agreement is attached as Exhibit O. Among other terms, the Interconnection Agreement requires CL&P to maintain the switchyard and transmission assets in compliance with General Design Criterion 17 and to submit any proposed modifications to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut for its review prior to implementation. The Interconnection Agreement also requires CL&P to perform, schedule and conduct all maintenance activities for the transmission and distribution assets in accordance with all applicable NRC requirements and commitments, including the NRC's maintenance rule. This Interconnection Agreement will enable Dominion Nuclear Connecticut to have a reliable interconnection to and source of offsite power meeting all NRC requirements. As the licensee, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will remain responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable NRC requirements.

#### 2. Control of Exclusion Area

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will own and control all real property within the exclusion area of the Millstone Station. While CL&P will retain certain easements including easements allowing access to the transmission and distribution assets including the switchyard, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will retain the right to control activities and remove or exclude personnel in these areas.

#### 3. Nuclear Insurance

In accordance with Art. IV.2 of the NRC Indemnity Agreement for the Millstone Station, the parties request NRC approval of the assignment and transfer of the Price Anderson Indemnity Agreement for the Millstone Station to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut upon consent to the proposed license transfer. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's Projected Income Statements and financial arrangements with DRI provide adequate assurance that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut

will be able to pay the annual retrospective premium for the Millstone Station, pursuant to 10 CFR § 140.21(e)-(f). Prior to the license transfer, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will obtain all required nuclear property damage insurance pursuant to 10 CFR § 50.54(w) and nuclear energy liability insurance pursuant to Section 170 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 140.

#### 4. Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel

Upon closing, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume title to and responsibility for the storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel at the Millstone Station. NNECO and the Selling Owners will assign and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume Selling Owners' rights and obligations under the Standard Contract with the Department of Energy, except that the Selling Owners will remain liable for any fees that may be imposed for spent nuclear fuel generated prior to closing.

## 5. Continuation of the Current Licensing Basis

This application does not request approval of or involve any physical changes in the units, in plant configuration, or to the conduct of operations. After transfer of the license, the units will continue to be operated and maintained in accordance with each unit's current licensing basis, and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume all regulatory commitments. Other than the change in licensee, and the few related organizational changes described in this application, there will be no change in the current licensing bases for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3 associated with this license transfer. No other licensing commitments to the NRC on the Millstone Units 1, 2, and 3 dockets, other than those specifically described in this application, are being changed as a result of the license transfer.

As part of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will acquire all documents, correspondence, books, records, medical records, operating, safety and maintenance manuals, inspection reports, drawings, models, engineering designs, blueprints, asbuilt plans, specifications, procedures, studies, reports, quality assurance records, purchasing records and equipment repair, data, safety, maintenance or service records relating to the design, construction, licensing, regulation, operation or decommissioning of the units. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will also acquire any rights to any documents owned by third parties and licensed to NNECO which are used in or necessary to the licensing, operation or decommissioning of the units.

### a) Quality Assurance Program

Upon transfer, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume the authority and responsibility for the functions necessary to fulfill the quality assurance (QA) requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, and will assume the existing Millstone Units 1, 2, and 3 QA Programs developed and implemented by the current licensees. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut anticipates that no substantive changes will be made to the existing QA organization as a result of the transfer of the licenses to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut anticipates that no changes will be made as a result of the transfer of the licenses that will result in a reduction in the commitments in the QA Program descriptions previously accepted by the NRC.

Any changes made to the existing Millstone Units 1, 2, and 3 QA Programs developed and implemented by the current licensees will be made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a). If Dominion Nuclear Connecticut or NNECO identifies any changes to the QA Programs that

would result in a reduction in commitments, application to the NRC will be made, and such proposed changes will not be implemented until approved by the NRC. Determinations as to whether any proposed change(s) would result in a reduction in commitments will be made in accordance with NNECO's currently approved plans, programs and procedures.

#### b) Emergency Preparedness

Upon transfer, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume the authority and responsibility for functions necessary to fulfill the emergency planning and preparedness requirements specified in 10 C.F.R. § 50.47(b) and 10 C.F.R. Part 50, Appendix E, and will assume the existing Millstone emergency plan developed and implemented by the current licensee. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut anticipates that no changes to the emergency plan will be made that will result in a decrease in the effectiveness of the plan, and that the plan will continue to meet the standards of 10 C.F.R. § 50.47(b) and the requirements of 10 C.F.R. Part 50, Appendix E. The license transfer will not adversely affect the effectiveness of the emergency planning organization or compliance with emergency preparedness requirements.

Any changes made to the existing Millstone emergency plan will be made in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.54(q). Any specific emergency plan changes will be submitted to the NRC within 30 days after the changes are made, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.54(q) and 10 C.F.R. Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV. If NNECO or Dominion Nuclear Connecticut identify any proposed changes that would decrease the effectiveness of the approved emergency plan, application to the NRC will be made and such proposed changes will not be implemented until approved by the NRC. Determinations as to whether any proposed change(s) would result in a

decrease in effectiveness will be made in accordance with NNECO's currently approved plan, programs, and procedures.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut anticipates that no substantive changes will be made to the existing emergency organization. Ownership of off-site emergency sirens will be transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, and any easements for the siren locations will be assigned to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. Existing agreements for support from organizations and agencies not affiliated with NNECO will be assigned to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut. NNECO and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut plan to notify the parties to such agreements in advance of the transfer of Millstone Units 1, 2, and 3 to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut and advise those parties of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut's responsibility for management and operation of Millstone Unit 1, 2, and 3, effective as of the transfer date.

In sum, the license transfer will not adversely affect compliance with emergency preparedness requirements.

#### c) Security Plan

Upon transfer, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will assume the authority and responsibility for the functions necessary to fulfill the security planning requirements specified in 10 CFR Part 73, and will assume the existing NRC-approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans developed and implemented by the current licensee. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut anticipates that no changes will be made as a result of the license transfers that will result in a decrease in the effectiveness of the plans, and that the plans will continue to meet the standards of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix C.

Any changes made to the plans will be made in accordance with 10 CFR § 50.54(p). Any specific security plan changes will be submitted to the NRC within two months after the changes are made, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.54(p)(2). If Dominion Nuclear Connecticut or NNECO identify any proposed change that would decrease the effectiveness of the approved security plans, application to the NRC will be made, and such proposed changes will not be implemented until approved by the NRC. Determination as to whether any proposed change(s) would result in a decrease in effectiveness will be made in accordance with NNECO's currently approved security plan, programs, and procedures.

#### d) Safety Analysis Report

The proposed license transfers and conforming administrative license amendments will not change or invalidate information presently appearing in the Safety Analysis Reports (SARs) for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3 with the exception of the information changed as a result of this application. Changes necessary to accommodate the proposed transfers and conforming administrative license amendments will be incorporated into the SARs in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.71(e) following NRC approval of the request for consent to transfer the licenses.

## J. Agreement to Limit Access to Restricted Data

This application does not involve any Restricted Data or other classified defense information, and it is not expected that any such information will be raised or required by the licensed activities at the Millstone Station. In the event that licensed activities do involve Restricted Data in the future, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut agrees that it will appropriately safeguard such information and it will not permit any individual to have access to Restricted Data until the Office of Personnel Management investigates and reports to the NRC on the

character, associations, and loyalty of such individual, and the NRC determines that permitting such person to have access to Restricted Data will not endanger the common defense and security of the United States.

#### K. Environmental Review

The proposed transfer will not result in any change in the types, or any increase in the amounts, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and will not cause any increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Further, the NRC has determined that license transfers are categorically exempt from further environmental review. 10 C.F.R. § 51.22(c)(21). Accordingly, the license transfers will involve no significant environmental impact.

#### **IV.** Effective Date

NNECO and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut request that the NRC review this application on a schedule that will permit issuance of an order consenting to the transfer as promptly as possible, and in any event before March 1, 2001. The sale and purchase of the Millstone Station also requires approvals or actions from other agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Trade Commission, and several state public utility commissions. NNECO and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will keep the NRC staff informed as to the status of other necessary approvals and will notify the NRC staff when they are ready for the conforming license amendments to be issued.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut and the Selling Owners wish to have a single coordinated closing with respect to the transfer of the ownership interests of all the Selling Owners. However, because of the number of Selling Owners with interests in Millstone Unit 3 and the

possibility that regulatory approvals of Selling Owners doing business in other jurisdictions outside of Connecticut could occur at different times, it is possible that the closings for the Connecticut utilities and some of the other Selling Owners (and the transfer of their interests) could occur before the closings for other Selling Owners. If this is likely to occur, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut will promptly inform the NRC, so that initial license amendments may be limited to those sellers involved in the initial closing.

#### Affirmation

I, James P. O'Hanlon, being duly sworn, state that I am President and Chief Operating Officer of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., that I am authorized to sign and file this Application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on behalf of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, and that the statements made and the matters set forth herein pertaining to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

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President and Chief Operating Officer

STATE OF <u>Virginia</u> City COUNTY OF <u>Lichmond</u>

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this  $29^{+2}$  day of August, 2000.

My Commission Expires: Jennary 31, 200;

I, Bruce D. Kenyon, being duly sworn, state that I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, that I am authorized to sign and file this Application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on behalf of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, and that the statements made and the matters set forth herein pertaining to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company

Bruce D. Kenyon  $\triangleleft$ President and Chief Executive Officer

STATE OF <u>Connection</u> COUNTY OF <u>New London</u>

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this <u>315+</u> day of <u>Avgust</u>, 2000.

My Commission Expires: 1/31/2000

#### List of Exhibits

Exhibit A	Proposed	Changes to	the Facility	Operating	Licenses and	Technical	Specifications
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- Exhibit B Determination of No Significant Hazards Considerations
- Exhibit C Purchase and Sale Agreements
- Exhibit D Corporate Ownership of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut
- Exhibit E Agreement between DRI and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut
- Exhibit F Annual Reports for Dominion Resources, Inc.
- Exhibit G Resumes of James P. O'Hanlon and David A. Christian
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- Exhibit J Opening Balance Sheet
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#### EXHIBIT A

# Proposed Changes to the Facility Operating Licenses and Technical Specifications Associated with the Proposed Transfer of Millstone Nuclear Power Station (MNPS) Units 1, 2 and 3 from Northeast Nuclear Energy Company et al. to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

#### I. <u>Reason for the Change</u>

The Millstone Nuclear Power Station (MNPS) Units 1, 2, and 3, located in Waterford, Connecticut is being sold to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, necessitating the submittal of a conforming change to the Facility Operating Licenses and accompanying Technical Specifications for each of the three units. The proposed changes delete references to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, as well as to the selling owners, as applicable, as the operator and owner(s) of MNPS Units 1, 2, and 3 and replaces them with references to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut." Other minor administrative changes are also being implemented as described below to facilitate the license transfers.

#### II. Basis for the Change

After the license transfer, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, and other selling owners, as applicable, will retain no responsibility for the regulatory obligations contained in License Nos. DPR-21 and 65 and NPF-49 for MNPS Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Accordingly, the entity to which that responsibility is being transferred, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, must be identified in the Facility Operating Licenses and accompanying Technical Specifications.

#### III. Safety Assessment

The proposed changes to the Facility Operating Licenses and accompanying Technical Specifications for MNPS Units 1, 2, and 3 identify Dominion Nuclear Connecticut as the new owner and operator of the facilities and make minor changes that support the license transfers.

No physical modifications are being made to plant systems or components nor are any significant changes in day-to-day operation of the units being affected. Therefore, the proposed changes are administrative in nature and will not adversely affect nuclear safety or safe plant operation.

#### IV. Description of the Proposed Changes

The proposed changes to the Facility Operating Licenses and accompanying Technical Specifications for MNPS 1, 2, and 3 include the following: 1) the deletion of references to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), and the selling owners as applicable, as the operator and owner(s) of MNPS 1, 2 and 3, and 2) the authorization of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, to possess, use and operate MNPS 1, 2 and 3 under essentially the same conditions and authorization included in the existing licenses. The actual wording changes (marked-up and typed pages) associated with the conforming administrative amendments to the Facility Operating Licenses and accompanying Technical Specifications for MNPS 1, 2 and 3 are provided in *Attachments 1, 2 and 3* to this Exhibit, respectively. A summary of the proposed changes is listed below.

#### Millstone Unit 1

The following changes to the MNPS Unit 1 Facility Operating License are proposed:

License Section, page number	Action Description
Heading, page 1	Change "NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY" to DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 1.A, page 1	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee), formerly the Millstone Point Company, acting for itself, and as agent for The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), and Western Massachusetts Electric

	Company (WMECO)," to "applicant" to reflect
	the change in owner in the context of a
	historical application.
Item 1.E, page 1	Change "The licensee" to "Dominion Nuclear
,	Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee)" to reflect the
	change in ownership.
Item 2, page 2	Delete "(the licensee or NNECO" and insert
	"and transferred to Dominion Nuclear
	Connecticut, Inc. on [date of issuance]," to
	precede "to read as follows:"
Item 2.B, page 2	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company,
	acting for itself and as agent for CL&P and
	WMECO" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut,
	Inc." to reflect the change in ownership.
Item 2.C.(1), page 3	Change "NNECO" to "The licensee" to reflect
	the change in ownership.
Item 2.C.(2), page 3	Delete amendment number "107" to facilitate
	new amendment number pending this request.
Item 2.C.(3), page 3	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company"
	to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to
	reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.C.(6), page 4	Change "NNECO" in the first and second
	paragraphs to "The licensee" to reflect the
	ownership change.

The following changes to the MNPS Unit 1 Technical Specifications and Bases are proposed:

Technical Specification, page number	Action Description
TS 4.1 Site Location, last sentence, page 4.0-1	Change "The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company or the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company or their" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. or its" to reflect the ownership change.
TS 5.5.2, page 5.0-7	Change "Northeast Utilities Quality Assurance Program (NUQAP)" to "the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report" to reflect the ownership change and a title change.
Bases B 3.2.1, Background, page B 3.2-1	Change "NNECO" in the first, third, fourth and fifth sentences of the second paragraph to "the licensee".

# Millstone Unit 2

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License Section, page number	Action Description
Heading, page 1	Change "THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND
	POWER COMPANY, WESTERN
	MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY,
	AND NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY
	COMPANY" to "DOMINION NUCLEAR
	CONNECTICUT, INC." to reflect the
	ownership change.
Item 1.A, page 1	Change "The Connecticut Light and Power
	Company, Western Massachusetts Electric
	Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy
	Company (the licensees)" to "the applicant" to
	reflect the change in owner in the context of a
	historical application.
Item 1.E, page 1	Change "licensees are" to "licensee is" to
	reflect the ownership change.
Item 1.F, page 2	Change "licensees have" to "licensee has" to
	reflect the ownership change.
Item 2, page 2	Insert "and transferred to Dominion Nuclear
	Connecticut, Inc. on [date of issuance]," to
	precede "is hereby amended"
Item 2.A, page 2	Change "The Connecticut Light and Power
	Company, Western Massachusetts Electric
	Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy
	Company." to "Dominion Nuclear
	Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership
	change.
Item 2.B, page 2	Change "The Connecticut Light and Power
	Company, Western Massachusetts Electric
	Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy
	Company" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut,
	Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.C(1), page 3	Change "licensees are" to "licensee is" to
	reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.C(2), page 3	Delete amendment number "246" to facilitate
	new amendment number pending this request.

The following changes to the MNPS Unit 2 Facility Operating License are proposed:

The following change to the MNPS Unit 2 Technical Specifications is proposed:

Technical Specification, page number	Action Description
Figure 5.1-1 EXCLUSION AREA, Page 5-2	Change "NORTHEAST UTILITIES SERVICE CO." to "DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC." in the title block to reflect the ownership change.

The following change to Appendix B, Additional Conditions, is proposed:

Section, page number	Action Description	
First sentence, page AB-1	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company" to "The licensee" to reflect the ownership change.	

## Millstone Unit 3

The following changes to the MNPS Unit 3 Facility Operating License are proposed:

Section, page number	Action Description
Header, page 1	Change "NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL. <sup>(1)(2)</sup> " to "DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC., ET AL. <sup>(1)</sup> " to reflect the ownership change and deletion of the second footnote.
Item 1.A, page 1	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, as agent and representative of 13 utilities listed below and hereafter referred to as licensees" to "the applicant" to reflect the change in owner in the context of a historical application.
Footnote 1, page 1	Revised footnote no. 1 to reflect the change in ownership and the number of minority owners.
Footnote 2, page 1	Deleted footnote no. 2 since it is no longer germane under the new ownership.
Item 1.E, page 2	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.

Item 2, page 2	Insert "and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. et al. on [date of issuance]" to precede "to read as follows."
Item 2.B(1), page 2	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO)" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
	Add a new paragraph following the existing paragraph to separately identify Centra Vermont Public Service Corporation's and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company's license to possess the facility to reflect the non-Selling Owners authority to own their interests.
Item 2.B(2), page 2	Change "NNECO" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.B(3), page 3	Change "NNECO" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.B(4), page 3	Change "NNECO" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.B(5), page 3	Change "NNECO" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.C(1), Page 3	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the change in ownership and operator.
Item 2.C(2), Page 3	Delete amendment number "179" to facilitate new amendment number pending this request.
	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company" to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to reflect the change in ownership and operator.
Item 2.C(5), Page 3	Delete amendment number "164" to facilitat new amendment number pending this request.
	Change "The licensee" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee)".
Item 2.E, Page 8	Change "The licensee" to "Dominion Nuclea Connecticut, Inc."
Item 2.F, Page 8	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." t

	reflect the ownership change.
Item 2.H, Page 8	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company"
	to "Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc." to
	reflect the ownership change.

The following change to Appendix C, Additional Conditions, is proposed:

First sentence, (no page number)	Change "Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO)" to "The licensee" to reflect the
	ownership change.

Marked up and typed copies of the license pages reflecting these changes are attached.

## Exhibit A, Attachment 1

# Marked Unit 1 License Pages

-February 26, 1997

### DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

NORTHEAST NUSLEAR ENTROY CONTANT

(MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1)

### DOCKET NO. 50-245

#### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. DPR-21

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1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

A. The application for an operating license filed by the Northeast-Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee), formerly the Willstone Point Company, asting for itself, and as egent for The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CLEP), and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (INECO), complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the rules and regulations of the Commission, as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;

- B. Construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (the facility), has been completed substantially in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-20, as amended, the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; and has been operating under a provisional license since October 7, 1970;
- C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission:
  - There is reasonable assurance that the facility can be operated at power levels up to 2011 megawatts (thermal) without endangering the health and safety of the public; and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the regulations of the Commission;
  - The licenses is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this operating license, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;
- F. The licensee has furnished proof of financial protection that satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR Part 140;
- G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
- H. The issuance of this license is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commissions's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee)

applicant

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 The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70.

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- Provisional Operating License No. DPR-21, dated October 7, 1970, as amended, is superseded in its entirety by Facility Operating License No. DPR-21 hereby issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licenses or INNECO to read as follows:
  - A. This license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, a single cycle, boiling light-water reactor, and electric generating equipment (the facility). The facility is located on the licensee's site in Waterford, Connecticut, and is described in the license application, as amended, and the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended (herein the application).
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses-Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, acting for itself and as egent for CLAP and UNECO:
    - Pursuant to Section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," to possess, use, and operate the facility at the designated location in Waterford, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
    - (2) Fursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," to receive, possess, and use at any time special nuclear material for reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended.
    - (3) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70 to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required; and
    - (4) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not to separate, such byproduct and special nuclear material as may be produced by operation of the facility.
    - This license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Sections 50.54 and 50.59 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; and is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and rules, regulations and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified below:

and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. on [ date of issuance ]

> Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.:

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#### (1) Maximum Power Level

(3) Fire Protection

#### The licensee -

- NNECO- is authorized to operate the facility at steady-state power levels up to a maximum of 2011 megawatts (thermal).

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(2) <u>Technical Specifications</u> [new amendment number]

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 107, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

Northeast Muclear Energy Company shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility and as approved in the SERs dated September 26, 1978, November 19, 1980, February 13, 1981, February 7, 1983, October 25, 1985, November 6, 1985, August 1986, July 17, 1987, April 14, 1988, and October 12, 1993 subject to the following provisions:

The licensee may make changes to the approved fire protection program without prior approval of the Commission only if those changes would not adversely affect the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire.

#### (4) Physical Protection

The licenses shall fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the Commission-approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans including amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and to the authority of 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). The plans, which contain Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21, are entitled: "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Physical Security Plan," with revisions submitted through March 29, 1988; "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Suitability, Training and Qualification Plan," with revisions submitted through July 21, 1986; and "Nillstone Nuclear Power Station Safeguards Contingency Plan," with revisions submitted through October 30, 1985. Changes made in accordance with 10 CPR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.

> Amendment No. 17, 70, Corrected 12/14/93

(5) Deleted

### (6) Spent Fuel Pool Operations

WHECO shall conduct refueling operations that include fullcore offload as a normal end-of-cycle event in accordance with the controls proposed in Attachment 4 of the application for amendment dated July 28, 1995, as supplemented September 12, 1995.

**HNECO** shall update the UFSAR to reflect the hardware modifications, head load analysis and operational controls consistent with the application for amendment dated July 28, 1995, as supplemented September 12, 1995, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

- D. The facility has been granted certain exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 as set forth below:
  - (1) Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," This section relates to fire protection features for ensuring the systems and associated circuits used to achieve and maintain safe shutdown are free of fire damage. The staff safety evaluation, dated November 6, 1985, concluded that the licensee's existing fire-protection configuration with proposed modifications achieves an equivalent level of safety. Exemption granted November 6, 1985.
  - (2) Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooled Power Reactors." Appendix J relates to containment leakage test requirements, specifically periodic verification by tests of the Teaktight integrity of the primary reactor containment and systems and components which penetrate containment. Three exemptions were granted on May 10, 1985, on the basis of the staff safety evaluation. The two which remain in effect relate to testing of expansion bellows at containment penetrations and main stream isolation valves.

Amendment Nos. \$\$, \$7, \$\$, \$9, -100-

The licensee -

Design Features 4.0

### 4.0 DESIGN FEATURES

4.1 Site Location The Unit 1 Reactor Building is located on the site at Millstone Point in Waterford, Connecticut. The nearest site boundary on land is 2063 feet northeast of the reactor building (1620 feet northeast of the elevated stack), which is the minimum distance to the boundary of the exclusion area as described in 10CFR100.3(a). No part of the site that is closer to the reactor building than 2063 feet shall be sold or leased except to The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company or the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company or their corporate affiliates for use in conjunction with normal utility operations.

### 4.2 Fuel Storage

- 4.2.1 The new fuel storage facility shall be such that the K<sub>eff</sub> dry is less than 0.90 and flooded is less than 0.95.
- 4.2.2 The K<sub>eff</sub> of the spent fuel storage pool shall be less than or equal to 0.90. This K<sub>eff</sub> value is satisfied with fuel assemblies having a maximum k-infinity of 1.24 in the normal reactor configuration at cold conditions, and an average U-235 enrichment of 3.8 weight percent or less.
- 4.2.3 The number of fuel assemblies stored in the spent fuel storage pool shall not exceed 3229 bundles.

Amendment No. 498

### 5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

#### 5.5 Procedures

- 5.5.1 Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the following activities:
  - a. The procedures applicable to the safe storage of irradiated fuel recommended in Appendix "A" of Regulatory Guide 1.33, February 1978;
  - b. Fire Protection Program implementation;
  - c. Cold Weather Operations;
  - d. Quality assurance for radiological effluent and environmental monitoring;
  - e. Liquid and gaseous radioactive effluent discharges from the unit for all operations involving offsite releases of radioactive effluents. These procedures shall specify the use of appropriate waste treatment utilizing the guidance provided in the REMODCM;
  - f. Fuel handling operations;
  - g. All programs specified in Specification 5.6.
- 5.5.2 The Designated Manager, Designated Officer, or Designated Senior Officer may designate specific procedures and programs, or classes of procedures and programs to be reviewed in accordance with the Station Qualified Reviewer Program in lieu of review by the PORC or SORC. The review per the PORC, SORC, or Station Qualified Reviewer Program shall be in accordance with Northeast Utilities Quality Assurance Program (NUQAP).

----- the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report.

5.5.3 Procedures listed in Specification 5.5, and changes thereto, shall be approved by the Designated Manager, or Designated Officer or by cognizant managers or directors who are designated as the Approval Authority by the Designated Manager, or Designated Officer as specified in administrative procedures. The Approval Authority for each procedure and program or class of procedure and program shall be specified in administrative procedures.

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Amendment No. 100-

Reactor Building Crane Operability B 3.2

### B 3.2 SPENT FUEL HANDLING

### B 3.2.1 Reactor Building Crane Operability

BASES

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this specification is to preclude the possibility of dropping a spent fuel cask over irradiated fuel in the fuel storage pool. \_\_\_\_\_\_ the licensee

A description of the Reactor Building crane design improvements was provided by NNECO to the NRC on June 29, 1973. The modification improvements were described as a "Cask Drop Prevention System." By letter dated Desember 30, 1975, the NRC informed NNECO that the proposed improvements were acceptable. However, the NRC also requested NNECO to submit proposed Technical Specifications to assure safe operation and continued surveillance of the Reactor Building crane. NNECO submitted the proposed Technical Specifications on April 1, 1976, and the NRC approved new Technical Specifications, including the "Crane Operability" LCO, as Amendment 27 to License No. DPR-21. The licensee

APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSIS The "Cask Drop Prevention System" utilizes a redundant hoist system rated at 110 tons for the main hoist. This redundant system ensures that a load will not be dropped for all postulated credible single-component failures. The range of component failure examined extends over the total load path from the cask trunnions through the cask lifting yoke and redundant hoist system to the crane bridge structure. In addition, once the crane is set into the cask handling mode, its travel over the fuel pool will be limited to the cask storage area of the spent fuel pool. The operability requirements of the Reactor Building crane ensure that all redundant features of the crane have been adequately inspected.

Spent fuel cask drop over irradiated fuel in the fuel storage pool is precluded by these features as well as the features described in LCO and Surveillance Requirement 3.2.2 of these Technical Specifications.

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## DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

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## (MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1)

### DOCKET NO. 50-245

## FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. DPR-21

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- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for an operating license filed by the applicant complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the rules and regulations of the Commission, as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
  - B. Construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, (the facility), has been completed substantially in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-20, as amended, the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; and has been operating under a provisional license since October 7, 1970;
  - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - D. There is reasonable assurance that the facility can be operated at power levels up to 2011 megawatts (thermal) without endangering the health and safety of the public; and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the regulations of the Commission;
  - E. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee) is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this operating license, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - F. The licensee has furnished proof of financial protection that satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR Part 140;
  - G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - H. The issuance of this license is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commissions's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and

- I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70.
- 2. Provisional Operating License No. DPR-21, dated October 7, 1970, as amended, is superseded in its entirety by Facility Operating License No. DPR-21 hereby issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. on [date of issuance] to read as follows:
  - A. This license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, a single cycle, boiling light-water reactor, and electric generating equipment (the facility). The facility is located on the licensee's site in Waterford, Connecticut, and is described in the license application, as amended, and the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended (herein the application).
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.: |
    - Pursuant to Section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," to possess, use, and operate the facility at the designated location in Waterford, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
    - (2) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material for reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended.
    - (3) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70 to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required; and
    - (4) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not to separate, such byproduct and special nuclear material as may be produced by operation of the facility.
  - C. This license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Sections 50.54 and 50.59 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; and is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and rules, regulations and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified below:

### (1) <u>Maximum Power Level</u>

The licensee is authorized to operate the facility at steady-state power levels up to a maximum of 2011 megawatts (thermal).

### (2) <u>Technical Specifications</u>

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. [new amendment number], are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

### (3) Fire Protection

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility and as approved in the SERs dated September 26, 1978, November 19, 1980, February 13, 1981, February 7, 1983, October 25, 1985, November 6, 1985, August 1986, July 17, 1987, April 14, 1988, and October 12, 1993 subject to the following provisions:

The licensee may make changes to the approved fire protection program without prior approval of the Commission only if those changes would not adversely affect the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire.

### (4) <u>Physical Protection</u>

The licensee shall fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the Commission-approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans including amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and to the authority of 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). The plans, which contain Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21, are entitled: "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Physical Security Plan," with revisions submitted through March 29, 1988; "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Suitability, Training and Qualification Plan," with revisions submitted through July 21, 1986; and "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Safeguards Contingency Plan," with revisions submitted through July 21, 1986; the revisions submitted through October 30, 1985. Changes made in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.

- (5) Deleted
- (6) Spent Fuel Pool Operations

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall conduct refueling operations that include full-core offload as a normal end-of-cycle event in accordance with the controls proposed in Attachment 4 of the application for amendment dated July 28, 1995, as supplemented September 12, 1995. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall update the UFSAR to reflect | the hardware modifications, head load analysis and operational controls consistent with the application for amendment dated July 28, 1995, as supplemented September 12, 1995, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

- D. The facility has been granted certain exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 as set forth below:
  - (1) Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979." This section relates to fire protection features for ensuring the systems and associated circuits used to achieve and maintain safe shutdown are free of fire damage. The staff safety evaluation, dated November 6, 1985, concluded that the licensee's existing fire-protection configuration with proposed modifications achieves an equivalent level of safety. Exemption granted November 6, 1985.
  - (2) Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooled Power Reactors." Appendix J relates to containment leakage test requirements, specifically periodic verification by tests of the leak-tight integrity of the primary reactor containment and systems and components which penetrate containment. Three exemptions were granted on May 10, 1985, on the basis of the staff safety evaluation. The two which remain in effect relate to testing of expansion bellows at containment penetrations and main stream isolation valves.

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## 4.0 DESIGN FEATURES

4.1 Site Location The Unit 1 Reactor Building is located on the site at Millstone Point in Waterford, Connecticut. The nearest site boundary on land is 2063 feet northeast of the reactor building (1620 feet northeast of the elevated stack), which is the minimum distance to the boundary of the exclusion area as described in 10CFR100.3(a). No part of the site that is closer to the reactor building than 2063 feet shall be sold or leased except to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. or its corporate affiliates for use in conjunction with normal utility operations.

## 4.2 Fuel Storage

- 4.2.1 The new fuel storage facility shall be such that the K<sub>eff</sub> dry is less than 0.90 and flooded is less than 0.95.
- 4.2.2 The K<sub>eff</sub> of the spent fuel storage pool shall be less than or equal to 0.90. This K<sub>eff</sub> value is satisfied with fuel assemblies having a maximum k-infinity of 1.24 in the normal reactor configuration at cold conditions, and an average U-235 enrichment of 3.8 weight percent or less.
- 4.2.3 The number of fuel assemblies stored in the spent fuel storage pool shall not exceed 3229 bundles.

## 5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

### 5.5 Procedures

- 5.5.1 Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the following activities:
  - a. The procedures applicable to the safe storage of irradiated fuel recommended in Appendix "A" of Regulatory Guide 1.33, February 1978;
  - b. Fire Protection Program implementation;
  - c. Cold Weather Operations;
  - d. Quality assurance for radiological effluent and environmental monitoring;
  - e. Liquid and gaseous radioactive effluent discharges from the unit for all operations involving offsite releases of radioactive effluents. These procedures shall specify the use of appropriate waste treatment utilizing the guidance provided in the REMODCM;
  - f. Fuel handling operations;
  - g. All programs specified in Specification 5.6.
- 5.5.2 The Designated Manager, Designated Officer, or Designated Senior Officer may designate specific procedures and programs, or classes of procedures and programs to be reviewed in accordance with the Station Qualified Reviewer Program in lieu of review by the PORC or SORC. The review per the PORC, SORC, or Station Qualified Reviewer Program shall be in accordance with the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report.
- 5.5.3 Procedures listed in Specification 5.5, and changes thereto, shall be approved by the Designated Manager, or Designated Officer or by cognizant managers or directors who are designated as the Approval Authority by the Designated Manager, or Designated Officer as specified in administrative procedures. The Approval Authority for each procedure and program or class of procedure and program shall be specified in administrative procedures.

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## B 3.2 SPENT FUEL HANDLING

B 3.2.1 Reactor Building Crane Operability

### BASES

BACKGROUND The purpose of this specification is to preclude the possibility of dropping a spent fuel cask over irradiated fuel in the fuel storage pool.

A description of the Reactor Building crane design improvements was provided by the licensee to the NRC on June 29, 1973. The modification improvements were described as a "Cask Drop Prevention System." By letter dated December 30, 1975, the NRC informed the licensee that the proposed improvements were acceptable. However, the NRC also requested the licensee to submit proposed Technical Specifications to assure safe operation and continued surveillance of the Reactor Building crane. The licensee submitted the proposed Technical Specifications on April 1, 1976, and the NRC approved new Technical Specifications, including the "Crane Operability" LCO, as Amendment 27 to License No. DPR-21.

APPLICABLE SAFETY The "Cask Drop Prevention System" utilizes a redundant hoist system rated at 110 tons for the main hoist. This redundant system ensures that a load will not be dropped for all postulated credible single-component failures. The range of component failure examined extends over the total load path from the cask trunnions through the cask lifting yoke and redundant hoist system to the crane bridge structure. In addition, once the crane is set into the cask handling mode, its travel over the fuel pool will be limited to the cask storage area of the spent fuel pool. The operability requirements of the Reactor Building crane ensure that all redundant features of the crane have been adequately inspected.

Spent fuel cask drop over irradiated fuel in the fuel storage pool is precluded by these features as well as the features described in LCO and Surveillance Requirement 3.2.2 of these Technical Specifications.

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## Exhibit A, Attachment 2

# Marked Unit 2 License Pages

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#### THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

WESTERN MASSAGHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY AND

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

DOCKET NO 50-336

(Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2)

### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. DPR-65

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) having found that:

A. The application for license by The Connecticut Light and Power-Company, Western Massachusette Electric Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensees) complies with the stan-

- dards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter 1 and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
- B. Construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, (facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-76 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
- C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amended operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;

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E. The licenses are technically and financially qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this operating license in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;

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have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR F. The -Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;

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- The issuance of this amended operating license will not be G. inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
- After weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other Η. benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth herein, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D, of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements of said Appendix D have been satisfied; and
- The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct, and I. special nuclear material as authorized by this amended license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70, including 10 CFR Sections 30.33, 40.32, 70.23 and 70.31.
- Facility Operating License No. DPR-65, issued to The Connecticut 2. Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows: and transferred to Dominion Nuclear
- Connecticut, Inc. on [date of issuance], This amended license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Α. Station, Unit 2, a pressurized water nuclear reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Mostern Massachusette Electric Company, and Hortheast Nuclear Energy Company: The facility is located on the north shore of Long Island Sound and on the east side of Niantic Bay in the Town of Waterford, Connecticut, about three Dominion Nuclear miles from New London, Connecticut, and is described in the "Final Safety Analysis Report" as supplemented and amended (Amendments 13 through 42, and the Environmental Report as amended (Amendments 1 through 5).

Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, **B**..... the Commission hereby licenses The Connectiout Light and Power-Company, Mestern Massachusette Electric Company, and Northeast-Nuclear Energy Company:

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

Connecticut, Inc.

(1) Pursuant to Section 104b of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," to possess, use, and operate the facility at the designated location on the north shore of Long Island Sound and on the east side of Niantic Bay, in the Town of Waterford, Connecticut, about three miles from New London, Connecticut, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this amended license.

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- (2) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;
- (3) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 70, to receive, possess and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required;
- (4) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70, to receive, possess and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form for sample analysis or instrument and equipment calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components;
- (5) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility.
- This amended license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I: Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Sections 50.54 and 50.59 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and to the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:

## (1) <u>Maximum Power Level</u> licensee is

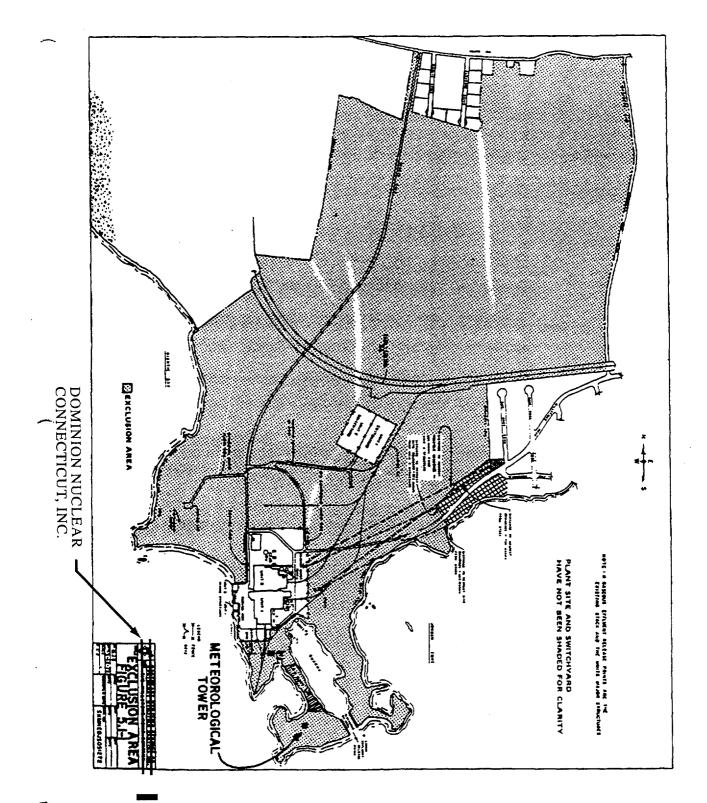
The licensees are authorized to operate the facility at steady-state reactor core power levels not in excess of 2700 megawatts thermal. [new amendment number]

(2) Technical Specifications

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The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 216 are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

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### APPENDIX B

### ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-65

The licensee

#### Energy Company shall comply with the following conditions on the -Northeast Nuclear schedules noted below:

### Amendment Number

Additional Conditions

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This amendment authorizes the licensee to incorporate in the Updated Final Safet; Analysis Report certain changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the incorporation of these changes as described in Attachment 3 of the licensee's application dated September 3; 1997, and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated January 23, 1998.

This amendment requires the licensee to incorporate in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) certain changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the incorporation of the changes described in the licensee's application dated March 27, 1997, supplemented on September 25, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated February 9, 1998. The description shall include details on selection of instruments and consideration of their accuracies for measuring ultimate heat sink temperatures greater than 70 °F.

This amendment authorizes the licensee to include in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the updating of the UFSAR to reflect the changes in Attachment 3 of the licensee's application dated July 2,1998. and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated December 18, 1998

Implementation Date

30 days from the date of issuance

Next update of the UFSAR

Next UFSAR update

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### DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

### DOCKET NO. 50-336

### (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2)

### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. DPR-65

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) having found that:
  - A. The application for license by the applicant complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
  - B. Construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, (facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-76 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulation of the Commission;
  - D. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amended operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - E. The licensee is technically and financially qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this operating license in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission;

- F. The licensee has satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR | Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;
- G. The issuance of this amended operating license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
- H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth herein, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D, of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements of said Appendix D have been satisfied; and
- I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material as authorized by this amended license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70, including 10 CFR Sections 30.33, 40.32, 70.23 and 70.31.
- 2. Facility Operating License No. DPR-65, issued to The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. on [date of issuance], is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:
  - A. This amended license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, a pressurized water nuclear reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. The facility is located on the north shore of Long Island Sound and on the east side of Niantic Bay in the Town of Waterford, Connecticut, about three miles from New London, Connecticut, and is described in the "Final Safety Analysis Report" as supplemented and amended (Amendments 13 through 42, and the Environmental Report as amended (Amendments 1 through 5).
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.:
    - (1) Pursuant to Section 104b of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," to possess, use, and operate the facility at the designated location on the north shore of Long Island Sound and on the east side of Niantic Bay, in the Town of Waterford, Connecticut, about three miles from New London, Connecticut, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this amended license.

- (2) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;
- (3) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 70, to receive, possess and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required;
- (4) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70, to receive, possess and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form for sample analysis or instrument and equipment calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components;
- (5) Pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility.
- C. This amended license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I: Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Sections 50.54 and 50.59 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and to the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:
  - (1) <u>Maximum Power Level</u>

The licensee is authorized to operate the facility at steady-state reactor core power levels not in excess of 2700 megawatts thermal.

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. [new amendment number] are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

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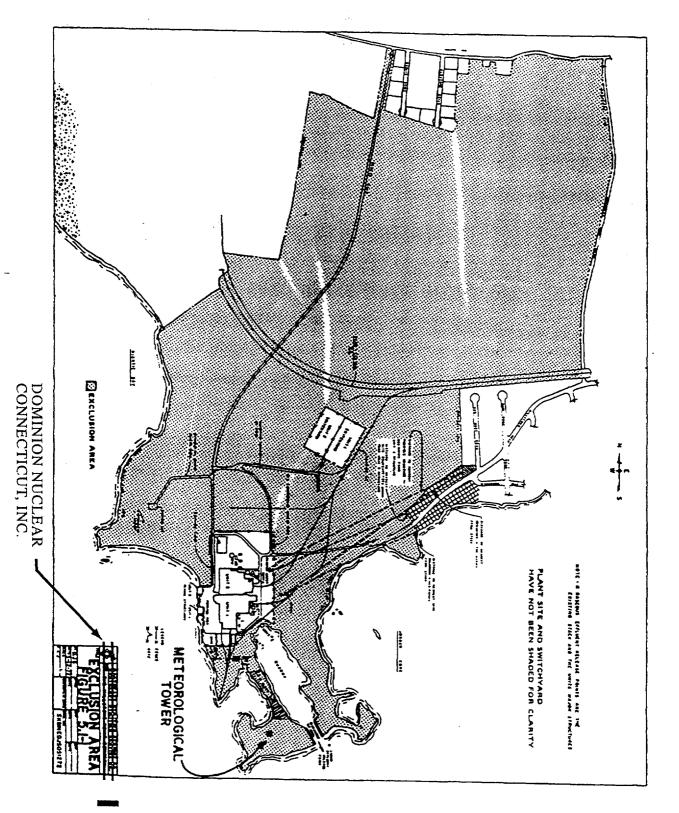
### ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-65

The licensee shall comply with the following conditions on the schedules noted below:

Implementation Amendment Date **Additional Condition** Number 30 days from the date of 212 This amendment authorizes the licensee to issuance incorporate in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report certain changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the incorporation of these changes as described in Attachment 3 of the licensee's application dated September 3, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated January 23, 1998. Next update of the UFSAR 213 This amendment requires the licensee to incorporate in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) certain changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the incorporation of the changes described in the licensee's application dated March 27, 1997, supplemented on September 25, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated February 9, 1998. The description shall include details on selection of instruments and consideration of their accuracies for measuring ultimate heat sink temperatures greater than 70°F. 222 This amendment authorized the licensee to include Next UFSAR update in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) changes to the description of the facility. Implementation of this amendment is the updating of the UFSAR to reflect the changes in Attachment 3 of the licensee's application dated July 2, 1998, and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation dated December 18, 1998.

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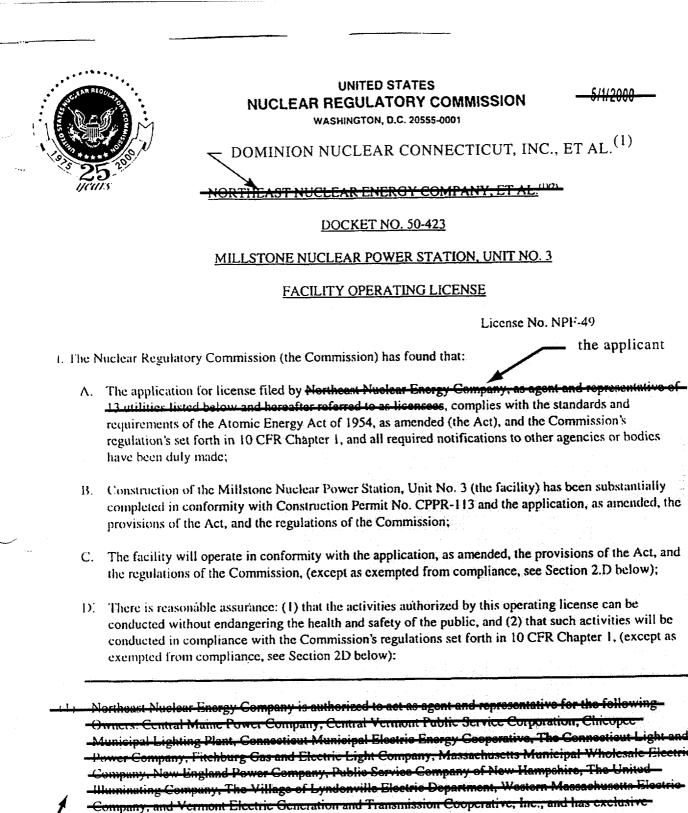


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# Exhibit A, Attachment 3

# Marked Unit 3 License Pages



-responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation and maintenance of the facility.

(1) Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., et al. (the licensees) consists of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Amendment No. 180-Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. is authorized to act as the agent and representative for Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical operation and maintenance of the facility.

Dominion Nuclear - 2 -Connecticut, Inc.

- E. Northeast Nuclear Energy Company is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
- F. The licensees have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140 "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements" of the Commission's regulations;
- G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
- H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Facility Operating License No. NPF-49, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
- The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70.
- 2. Based on the foregoing findings regarding this facility, and pursuant to approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a meeting on January 29, 1986, the license for fuel loading and low power testing License No. NPF-44, issued on November 25, 1985, is superseded by Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 and hereby issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (the licensees) to read as follows: and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., et al. on [date of issuance]
  - A. This license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, a pressurized water nuclear reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by the licensees. The facility is located in Waterford Township, New London County, Connecticut on the north shore of Long Island Sound, and is described in the licensees' "Final Safety Analysis Report", as supplemented and amended, and in the licensees' Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses; \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.,
    - (1) Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), pursuant to Section 103 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use and operate the facility at the designated location in New London County, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license; Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.,

(2) NNECO, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;

Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess the facility at the designated location in New London County, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license.

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NNECO; pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source, and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required:

- (4) NNECO, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to receive, possess, and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source, or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form for sample analysis or instrument calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components; and
- (5) NNECO, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to possess, but not separate, such byproducts and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operations of the facility.
- C. This license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I and is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and to the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:
  - (1) Maximum Power Level

**Technical Specifications** 

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company is authorized to operate the facility at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal (100 percent rated power) in accordance with the conditions specified herein.

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The Technical Specification contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. <del>179,</del> and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto are hereby incorporated in the license. <u>Northeast Nuclear Energy</u> <u>Company</u> shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

- (3) DELETED
- (4) DELETED
- (5) The Additional Conditions contained in Appendix C, as revised through Amendment No. 164, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licenses shall operate the facility in accordance with the additional conditions.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee)

Amendment No. 42, \$\$, \$4, 1/39, 1/64.

[new amendment number]

D. Exemptions from certain requirements of Appendix J 10 CFR Part 50 (Section 6.2.6, SSER 4) and from a portion of the requirements of General Design Criterion 4 (Section 3.9.3.1, SSER 4) of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50 have previously been granted. See Safety Evaluation Report Supplement 4, November 1985. With these exemptions the facility will operate, to the extent authorized herein, in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

- The licensee shall fully implement and maintain in effect all Ε. provisions of the Commission-approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans including amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and to the authority of The plans, which contain 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21, are entitled: "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Physical Security Plan," with revisions submitted through March 29, 1988; "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Suitability, Training and Qualification Plan," with revision submitted through July 21, 1986; and "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Safeguards Contingency Plan," with revisions submitted Changes made in accordance with through October 30, 1985. 10 CFR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein. - Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.
- F. Except as otherwise provided in the Technical Specifications or Environmental Protection Plan, Northeast Nuclear Energy Companyshall report any violations of the requirements contained in Section 2.C of this license in the following manner: initial notification shall be made within 24 hours to the NRC Operations Center via the Emergency Notification System with written followup within thirty days in accordance with the procedures described in 10 CFR 50.73(b), (c) and (e).
- G. The licensees shall have and maintain financial protection of such type and in such amounts as the Commission shall require in accordance with Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to cover public liability claims.

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. Fire Protection (Section 9.5.1, SER. SSER 2, SSER4, SSER5)

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility and as approved in the SER (NUREG-1031) issued July 1984 and Supplements Nos. 2, 4, and 5 issued September 1985, November 1985 and January 1986, respectively, subject to the following provision:

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## APPENDIX C

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-49

The licensee

-Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) shall comply with the following conditions on the schedules noted below:

Amendment <u>Number</u>	Additional Condition	Condition Completion Date
162	Millstone Unit No. 3 will incorporate the changes into the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) as requested by letter dated January 22, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated July 17, 1998, that accepts the use of epoxy coatings on service water system components. Future changes to the design described in this submittal may be made in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.	During the next revision of the FSAR required by 10 CFR 50 71(e) or no later than June 30, 1999
164	Millstone Unit No. 3 will incorporate into Technical Specification 6.9.1.6, references to the shutdown margin analysis methods reviewed and approved by the NRC.	To be submitted to the NRC within 90 days from October 21, 1998.

Amendment No 162, 164

### DOCKET NO. 50-423

### MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

### FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. NPF-49

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- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for license filed by the applicant complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulation's set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
  - B. Construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (the facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-113 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission:
  - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission, (except as exempted from compliance, see Section 2.D below);
  - D. There is reasonable assurance: (1) that the activities authorized by this operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (2) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, (except as exempted from compliance, see Section 2D below):

Amendment No. 189,

<sup>(1)</sup> Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., et al. (the licensees) consists of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. is authorized to act as the agent and representative for Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical operation and maintenance of the facility.

- E. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. is technically qualified to engage | in the activities authorized by this operating license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
- F. The licensees have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140 "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements" of the Commission's regulations;
- G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
- H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Facility Operating License No. NPF-49, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
- I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70.
- 2. Based on the foregoing findings regarding this facility, and pursuant to approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a meeting on January 29, 1986, the license for fuel loading and low power testing License No. NPF-44, issued on November 25, 1985, is superseded by Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 and hereby issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (the licensees) and transferred to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., et al. on [date of issuance] to read as follows:
  - A. This license applies to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, a pressurized water nuclear reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by the licensees. The facility is located in Waterford Township, New London County, Connecticut on the north shore of Long Island Sound, and is described in the licensees' "Final Safety Analysis Report", as supplemented and amended, and in the licensees' Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses;
    - (1) Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., pursuant to Section 103 of the | Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use and operate the facility at the designated location in New London County, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;

Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and Massachusetts Muncipal Wholesale Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess the facility at the designated location in New London County, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license.

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- (3) Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source, and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required:
- (4) Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to receive, possess, and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source, or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form for sample analysis or instrument calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components; and
- (5) Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30,
   40, and 70 to possess, but not separate, such byproducts and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operations of the facility.
- C. This license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I and is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and to the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:

### (1) Maximum Power Level

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., is authorized to operate the facility at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal (100 percent rated power) in accordance with the conditions specified herein.

(2) <u>Technical Specifications</u>

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. [new amendment number], and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto are hereby incorporated in the license. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

- (3) DELETED
- (4) DELETED
- (5) The Additional Conditions contained in Appendix C, as revised through Amendment No. [new amendment number], are hereby incorporated in the license. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee) shall operate the facility in accordance with the additional conditions.

Amendment No. 42, 65, 84, 136, 162, 164

- D. Exemptions from certain requirements of Appendix J 10 CFR Part 50 (Section 6.2.6, SSER 4) and from a portion of the requirements of General Design Criterion 4 (Section 3.9.3.1, SSER 4) of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50 have previously been granted. See Safety Evaluation Report Supplement 4, November 1985. With these exemptions the facility will operate, to the extent authorized herein, in conformity with the application, as amended, the prov isions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission.
- Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall fully implement and maintain | Ε. in effect all provisions of the Commission-approved physical and qualification, and safeguards guard training security, contingency plans including amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and to the authority of 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). The plans, which contain Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21, are entitled: "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Physical Security Plan," with revisions submitted through March 29, 1988; "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Suitability, Training and Qualification Plan," with revision submitted through July 21, 1986; and "Millstone Nuclear Power Station Safeguards Contingency Plan," with revisions submitted through October 30, 1985. Changes made in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.
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Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility and as approved in the SER (NUREG-1031) issued July 1984 and Supplements Nos. 2, 4, and 5 issued September 1985, November 1985 and January 1986, respectively, subject to the following provision:

Amendment No. 19, 84

# APPENDIX C

# ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-49

The licensee shall comply with the following conditions on the schedules noted below:

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Amendment Number	Additional Condition	Condition Completion Date
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164	Millstone Unit No. 3 will incorporate into Technical Specification 6.9.1.6, references to the shutdown margin analysis methods reviewed and approved by the NRC.	To be submitted to the NRC within 90 days from October 21, 1998.

Amendment No. 162, 164

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## **EXHIBIT B**

## **NSHC** Determination

The proposed changes to the operating licenses and technical specifications are administrative in nature. The changes identify a new owner and operator of MNPS 1, 2, and 3 and reflect the Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. organizational structure.

In its regulations, at 10 C.F.R. § 2.1315, the NRC has made a generic determination regarding No Significant Hazards Consideration (NSHC) determinations required by 10 C.F.R. § 50.92. The determination is applicable to license amendments involving license transfers. In brief, the rule states that the NRC has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. The proposed changes contained in this license amendment application are intended solely to conform the MNPS Units 1, 2, and 3 Licenses and associated Technical Specifications to reflect the change in ownership as a result of a license transfer and thus meet the criteria specified by 10 C.F.R. § 2.1315.

# EXHIBIT C

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Purchase and Sale Agreements

# PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

for the

# MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION

## by and among

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY,

## WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY,

THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY,

### CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY,

CHICOPEE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT,

FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,

VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT,

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY,

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

VERMONT ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE

and

## NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

as Sellers

and

# DOMINION RESOURCES, INC.

as Buyer

dated

August 7, 2000

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#### PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

### 1. Preamble

This Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into on August 7, 2000, by and among Dominion Resources, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Buyer"), and The Connecticut Light and Power Company, a Connecticut corporation ("CL&P"), Western Massachusetts Electric Company, a Massachusetts corporation ("WMECO"), The United Illuminating Company, a Connecticut corporation ("UI"), Central Maine Power Company, a Maine corporation ("CMP"), Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant, a Massachusetts municipal utility ("CMLP"), Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, a Massachusetts corporation ("Fitchburg"), Village of Lyndonville Electric Department, a Vermont municipal utility ("Lyndonville"), New England Power Company, a Massachusetts corporation and successor by merger to Montaup Electric Company ("NEP"), Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a New Hampshire corporation ("PSNH"), Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, a liquidated cooperative utility acting by and through its bankruptcy trustee ("VEG&T"), and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, a Connecticut corporation ("NNECO") (CL&P, WMECO, UI, CMP, CMLP, Fitchburg, Lyndonville, NEP, PSNH, VEG&T, and NNECO are each individually referred to herein as a "Seller" and are referred to collectively herein as "Sellers"). Each of the Sellers and the Buyer are referred to herein as a "Party" or, collectively, as the "Parties". Terms used herein in capitalized form shall have the meanings ascribed in Section 13 hereof or as otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, each Seller owns, as a tenant-in-common, in the percentage set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> hereto, an undivided fee simple ownership interest in one or more of the Facilities (as hereinafter defined) located at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, in Waterford, Connecticut ("*Millstone*"), and certain other facilities and assets associated therewith and ancillary thereto, excepting the portion thereof consisting of the real property, Improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto described in Schedule A-7 to <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(i)</u> hereto, all of which is owned in fee simple solely by CL&P; and for the avoidance of doubt, except for CL&P, WMECO and NNECO, all other Sellers (including UI) own an Ownership Share in Millstone Unit 3 only;

WHEREAS, CL&P and WMECO, as the sole owners of Millstone Units 1 and 2 and as the "*Lead Participants*" under the Sharing Agreement (as hereinafter defined) for Millstone Unit 3 (CL&P and WMECO are referred to collectively herein as the "*Lead Participants*") have appointed NNECO as operator to be responsible for the operation, maintenance and management of Millstone;

WHEREAS, the Sellers (other than the Lead Participants and UI) have appointed the Lead Participants to act as their agents under the Authorization Agreements for purposes of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and, to the extent a party thereto, the Related Agreements (as hereinafter defined);

WHEREAS, UI has authorized the Lead Participants to (a) act as its agent under the Sharing Agreement with respect to decommissioning funding matters in connection with Millstone Unit 3 and (b) act as its agent under that certain agreement dated the date hereof between the Lead Participants and UI for purposes of the performance of certain agreements and covenants by the Lead Participants on its behalf in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, the covenants made by the Lead Participants on its behalf (as a Seller) under Section 5 hereof) and, to the extent a party thereto, the Related Agreements;

WHEREAS, the Buyer desires to purchase and assume, and the Sellers desire to sell and assign the Acquired Assets (as defined in Section 2.1 below) and certain associated liabilities upon the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing as more fully described herein, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein made, and in consideration of the representations, warranties, and covenants herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

### 2. Acquisition of Assets by Buyer.

2.1. <u>Purchase and Sale of Assets</u>. Upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in this Agreement at the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing, each of the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, shall sell, assign, convey, transfer and deliver or cause to be sold, assigned, conveyed, transferred and delivered, to the Buyer, and the Buyer shall purchase, assume and acquire from such Sellers, free and clear of any Lien (except for Permitted Encumbrances), such Seller's Ownership Share of the properties and assets constituting, related to, used or held for use in the operation of the Facilities, including, but not limited to the following (collectively, together with the assets of NNECO set forth in Schedule 2.1, the "Acquired Assets"):

(a) the real property, Improvements thereon, easements and other rights in real property described in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(i)</u>, and all rights arising out of the ownership thereof or appurtenant thereto, including, without limitation, all related rights of ingress and egress, subject only to the Permitted Encumbrances, including the matters set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(ii)</u> (the *"Real Property"*);

(b) all Spent Nuclear Fuel, in the quantity set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(b)</u>, and all High Level Waste at the Sites on such Closing Date, and all Low Level Waste, in the quantity set forth in Schedule 2.1(b), at the Sites on such Closing Date;

(c) all machinery, mobile or otherwise, equipment, computer hardware and software, communications equipment, tools, spare parts, fixtures, furniture, furnishings, work in process, and other personal property owned by the Sellers and which is used in or relates to the operation or maintenance of the Facilities, and the Inventories owned by the Sellers which are held at or are in transit from or to the Facilities and the Sites, including, without limitation, the items of personal property set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(c)</u>, as well as all applicable warranties and guaranties from Third Parties relating thereto to the extent such warranties and guaranties are transferable to the Buyer, or to the extent any such items are leased, an assignment of the applicable leases for such items (as well as all applicable warranties and guaranties from Third Parties relating thereto to the Buyer);

(d) all of the Sellers' rights with respect to leasehold interests and subleases and rights thereunder relating to the Real Property, including, without limitation, with respect to the leases set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(d)</u> (the "*Leases*");

(e) all Permits, which are transferable by the Sellers to the Buyer by assignment or otherwise (including, without limitation, upon request or application to a Governmental Authority, or which will pass to the Buyer as successor in title to the Acquired Assets by operation of Law), including, without limitation, those Permits set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(e)</u> (the *"Transferable Permits"*);

(f) except as specifically provided in Sections 2.2(e), 2.2(f) and 2.2(g), all rights of the Sellers under the contracts, agreements, the Sharing Agreement, the Transmission Support Agreement, the DOE Standard Contracts (including all rights to any claims of Sellers related to DOE defaults thereunder), the Nuclear Fuel Contracts, software and other Intellectual Property licenses and personal property leases which relate to the operation of the Facilities set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(f)</u> and all warranties and guaranties relating to the Acquired Assets (the "Material Contracts");

(g) to the extent permitted by applicable Law, all documents, correspondence, books, records, medical records, operating, safety and maintenance manuals, inspection reports, drawings, models, engineering designs, blueprints, as-built plans, specifications, procedures, studies, reports, quality assurance records, purchasing records and equipment repair, data, safety, maintenance or service records of the Sellers relating to the design, construction, licensing, regulation, operation or Decommissioning of the Facilities and the other Acquired Assets, which documents are in the possession or control of the Lead Participants or NNECO, wherever located and whether existing in hard copy or magnetic or electronic form, including, without limitation, all Sellers' rights in and license or other right to use (in the case of those not owned by Sellers) any drawings, designs, specifications and other documents owned by Third Parties and licensed to Sellers which are used in or necessary to the licensing, operation or Decommissioning of the Facilities;

(h) to the extent permitted by applicable Law, all Acquired Assets Employee Records;

(i) all rights of the Sellers in and to the words "Millstone Nuclear Power Station" and any related or similar tradename, trademark, service mark, copyright, corporate name, logo or any part, derivative or combination;

(j) all assignable right, title and interest of the Sellers to the NRC Licenses;

(k) all right, title and interest of the Sellers in Nuclear Fuel wherever located;

(1) the assets comprising the Decommissioning Funds, including all income, interest and earnings accrued thereon, together with all related tax accounting, decommissioning studies and cost estimates, and all other books and records related thereto;

(m) without limiting the generality of Sections 2.1(a) and 2.1(c), all rights of the Sellers in the property and assets used or usable in providing emergency warning or associated with emergency preparedness as set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(m)(i)</u> (the "*Emergency Preparedness Assets*") and all rights of the Sellers under the contracts and agreements associated with such emergency preparedness as set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(m)(ii)</u> (the "*Emergency Preparedness Assets*");

(n) all right, title and interest of the Sellers in the vehicles set forth in <u>Schedule</u> 2.1(n) (the "Vehicles");

(o) all assignable rights, benefits and interest of the Sellers under purchase orders, licenses or contracts that are not Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Material Contracts or Leases but that (i) relate to the operation of the Facilities, (ii) are identified in writing by the Parties during the Interim Period, and (iii) are set forth in a schedule to be attached to the Assignment and Assumption Agreement at such Closing (the "Other Assigned Contracts");

(p) all Owned Intellectual Property; <u>provided</u> that the Sellers shall retain an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive and fully paid-up license to use such Intellectual Property; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that each Party shall have no obligation after the relevant Closing Date to provide the other Parties with any updates, maintenance or technical support with respect to such Intellectual Property;

(q) to the extent transferable, all Nuclear Insurance Policies set forth in <u>Schedule</u> 2.1(q) and the rights to proceeds from insurance policies for coverage of Acquired Assets and Assumed Liabilities, including all rights to collect premium refunds made after the relevant Closing Date pursuant to the ANI nuclear industry credit rating plan (other than refunds that relate to premiums paid on or prior to such Closing Date);

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(r) all contracts, instruments or other agreements set forth in <u>Schedule 2.1(r)</u> relating to the sale by the Lead Participants of electric capacity, energy or ancillary products or services from the Facilities under wholesale rates or otherwise subject to regulation by the FERC;

(s) the Sellers' claims, rights or causes of actions against any Third Parties arising out of or relating to Sellers' right, title and interest in and to any of the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities, or any portion thereof, whether received as a payment or credit against future liabilities, including, without limitation, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards and cash payments under warranties covering the Acquired Assets to the extent such payments relate to Assumed Liabilities or Acquired Assets;

(t) all Sellers' memoranda, reports, information, technology and specifications existing on such Closing Date relating to plans for Year 2000 Compliance with respect to the Acquired Assets;

(u) all other assets of the Sellers constituting, used or held for use in the operation of, the Facilities, as set forth on <u>Schedule 2.1(u)</u>, as amended by the Parties during the Interim Period pursuant to Section 5.6 (the "Other Related Assets");

(v) all emission reduction credits owned by the Sellers that relate to the operation of the Facilities, as set forth in Schedule 2.1(v); and

(w) an assignment of all licenses for the Licensed Intellectual Property (to the extent transferable to the Buyer), including any related maintenance agreements for such Licensed Intellectual Property; provided, however, that to the extent any licenses for the Licensed Intellectual Property may not be assignable to the Buyer on commercially reasonable terms the Lead Participants shall take Commercially Reasonable Efforts consistent with the terms and conditions of such licenses to make such Licensed Intellectual Property available for use by the Buyer.

2.2. <u>Excluded Assets</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, there shall be excluded from the Acquired Assets to be sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed or delivered to the Buyer hereunder, and there shall be retained by the Sellers, any and all right, title and interest to the following assets, properties and rights (collectively, the "Excluded Assets"):

(a) the property comprising or constituting any or all of the T&D Assets located at any Site (whether or not regarded as a "transmission," "distribution," "general plant" or "generation" asset for regulatory or accounting purposes and whether such assets are real or personal property), including the 345-kV switchyard facilities and support equipment, certain telecommunications equipment, all four 345-kV transmission lines and portions of 23-kV distribution lines, as well as all Permits and contracts, to the extent relating to the T&D Assets, all as set forth in <u>Schedule 2.2(a)</u>, all of which shall be retained by CL&P, but not including the real property on which such T&D Assets are located;

(b) all Cash, accounts and notes receivable, checkbooks and canceled checks, bank deposits and property or income tax receivables (except for any property tax abatements to be apportioned) or any other Tax refunds to the extent allocable to a period ending on or prior to the Initial Closing Date (including, without limitation, the Sellers' account balances with NEIL and any future annual distributions from NEIL that relate to premiums paid by the Sellers on or prior to such Closing Date), except the assets comprising the Decommissioning Funds;

(c) all rights of the Sellers in and to any causes of action, claims and defenses against Third Parties arising out of or relating to any of the Excluded Assets or Excluded Liabilities, whether payable in Cash or as a credit against future liabilities, including, without limitation, insurance proceeds and condemnation awards claims for contribution or indemnity, tort claims, causes of action, contract rights and refunds accrued and owing;

(d) all rights of the Sellers to the words set forth in <u>Schedule 2.2(d)</u> and any related or similar tradename, trademark, service mark, copyright, corporate name, logo or any part, derivative or combination;

(e) any claims of CL&P and WMECO in connection with Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel related or pertaining to the DOE's defaults under the DOE Standard Contracts accrued as of the Initial Closing Date;

(f) (i) all rights of the Sellers for indemnity, defense or exculpation under any Material Contract, Lease or Other Assigned Contract expressly providing the Sellers with continued indemnity, defense or exculpation rights for occurrences on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or any claims for which the Sellers remain liable under Section 9 and (ii) all rights and obligations of the Sellers under the Authorization Agreements and the Release and Settlement Agreements;

(g) all rights (but not the Liabilities) of the Lead Participants to receive payments under the Transmission Support Agreement;

(h) all rights of CL&P and WMECO under the Fuel Trust;

(i) any and all of the Sellers' rights in any contract representing an intercompany transaction between a Seller and an Affiliate of such Seller, whether or not such transaction relates to the provision of goods and services, payment arrangements, intercompany charges or balances, or the like;

### (j) Seller Reserved Easements in favor of CL&P as set forth in Schedule 2.2(j);

and

(k) all rights, benefits and interest in (i) all purchase orders, licenses or contracts not included in Acquired Assets and not assigned to the Buyer as set forth in <u>Schedule 2.2(k)</u> and (ii) those Nuclear Fuel Contracts which are designated by the Buyer and which can be terminated without liability to the Sellers or the Lead Participants (the "*Non-Assigned Contracts*").

2.3. <u>Assumption of Liabilities</u>. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, after the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, the Buyer shall assume, satisfy or perform the Total Relevant Percentage of the following Liabilities of the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers participating in such Closing, in each case, in respect of, or otherwise arising from the operation or use of the Acquired Assets, other than the Excluded Liabilities (as set forth in Section 2.4 below) (the "Assumed Liabilities"):

(a) all Environmental Liabilities, other than those included in the Excluded Liabilities (as set forth in Section 2.4);

(b) except as specifically provided in Section 2.4(u), all Liabilities under (i) the Material Contracts, Leases, Other Assigned Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements and the Transferable Permits in accordance with the terms thereof, except in each case, to the extent such Liabilities relate to periods ending on or prior to such Closing Date, or to the extent the same arise out of any breach or default by any Seller, and (ii) the contracts, leases, commitments and other agreements entered into by the Sellers with respect to the Acquired Assets during the Interim Period to the extent permitted by Section 5.3(a);

(c) Liabilities in respect of or otherwise arising from those Permitted Encumbrances listed in Schedule 2.3(c) which accrue or arise after the Initial Closing Date and do not result from a default or failure to act under the Permitted Encumbrances by the Sellers prior to the Initial Closing Date; provided, however, Permitted Encumbrances as to which a Seller's liability terminates as a matter of law upon such Seller's sale of its interest in the Real Property shall not be Assumed Liabilities;

(d) with respect to the Acquired Assets, any Tax that may be imposed by any federal, state or local government on the ownership, sale, operation or use of the Acquired Assets by the Sellers after such Closing Date, except for (i) any Income Taxes attributable to income received by the Sellers and (ii) any Taxes allocable to the Sellers in accordance with the proration under Section 2.9;

(e) all Liabilities in respect of (i) the Decommissioning of the Facilities following permanent cessation of operations of such Facilities, (ii) the management, storage, transportation and disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel (including, without limitation, all fees payable to DOE under the DOE Standard Contracts accrued after the relevant Closing Date), except for any fees payable to DOE for Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel under the DOE Standard Contracts for which CL&P and WMECO shall be responsible to provide the Buyer with the funds necessary to make any payments owing to DOE pursuant to Sections 5.18 and 9.3, and (iii) any other decommissioning or post-operative disposition of the Facilities or any other Acquired Assets;

(f) any Liability for any Price-Anderson secondary financial protection retrospective premium obligations for (i) the Sellers' nuclear worker Liability attributable to employment on or prior to such Closing Date or (ii) for any third-party nuclear Liability arising out of any nuclear incident on or prior to such Closing Date (it being agreed that if the Sellers are unable to cause the assignment of all or any part of such retrospective premium obligations, the Sellers shall remain primarily liable for such indemnification obligations and the Buyer shall indemnify the Sellers therefor pursuant to Section 9.4);

(g) all Liabilities of Sellers for retrospective premium obligations under each such Seller's NEIL policy for the Facilities arising out of any occurrence after such Closing Date;

(h) except as provided in Section 2.4(n), all Liabilities accruing after such Closing Date under the NRC Licenses including fees or charges;

(i) all other Liabilities expressly allocated to or assumed by the Buyer in this Agreement or in any of the Related Agreements; and

(j) all other Liabilities (including, without limitation, all Liabilities arising under or relating to Nuclear Laws or relating to any claim in respect of Nuclear Material) of any nature whatsoever to the extent arising from the ownership or operation of the Facilities, Acquired Assets and Assumed Liabilities and relating to the period after such Closing Date, unless expressly excluded pursuant to Section 2.4.

2.4. <u>Liabilities Not Assumed</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Buyer shall not assume, satisfy or perform any Liabilities that are not expressly identified in Section 2.3 as Assumed Liabilities, including, without limitation, the following excluded Liabilities (the "Excluded Liabilities"):

(a) any Liability in respect of, in connection with, or otherwise arising from the operation or use of the Excluded Assets or any other assets of the Sellers that are not Acquired Assets;

(b) any Liability including, without limitation, any Environmental Liability, in respect of, in connection with, or arising from the Seller Reserved Easements;

(c) any Liabilities, including, without limitation, any Environmental Liabilities, relating to the off-Site disposal, storage, transportation, discharge, Release, recycling, or the arrangement for such activities, by the Sellers, of Hazardous Substances that were generated at any of the Sites, at any Offsite Hazardous Substance Facility or at any location other than the Sites (other than as a result of subsurface migration from the Sites), where the initial disposal, storage, transportation, discharge, Release or recycling of such Hazardous Substances at such Offsite Hazardous Substance Facility occurred on or prior to any Closing Date;

(d) any Liability arising from the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement or a Related Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby;

(e) any Liability to make payments in addition to or in lieu of property Taxes, and any Liability in respect of Taxes attributable to the Acquired Assets (or their ownership, sale, operation or use) with respect to periods prior to the relevant Closing Date, whether for taxable periods ending before, on or after the Initial Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, except those Taxes expressly allocated to the Buyer pursuant to Section 8;

(f) any Liability for claims of Participants in Millstone Unit 3 against the Lead Participants or NNECO or any Affiliate arising out of events occurring on or prior to the relevant Closing Date, or any Liability for claims of Participants arising under the Authorization Agreements or the Release and Settlement Agreements;

(g) any Liability which is or would be required to be accrued by any Seller on a balance sheet of such Seller as of the Initial Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, prepared in accordance with GAAP, other than those Liabilities which are expressly set forth as Assumed Liabilities in Section 2.3;

(h) subject to the provisions of Section 5.7, any Liability arising out of any Employee Benefit Plan established or maintained in whole or in part by the Lead Participants (or any of their Affiliates) or to which the Lead Participants (or any of their Affiliates) contributes or contributed, or is or was required to contribute, at any time on or prior to the relevant Closing Date and any Liability for the termination or discontinuance of, or the Lead Participants' or their Affiliates' withdrawal from, any such Employee Benefit Plan;

(i) all Liabilities of CL&P and WMECO under the Fuel Trust;

(j) any Liabilities of the Lead Participants or any of their Affiliates for any compensation or any benefits, whether in relation to any of the Plant Employees, independent contractors or any other individuals who are later determined by a court or governmental agency to have been employees of the Lead Participants or its Affiliates, including, without limitation, (i) wages, bonuses, incentive compensation, shift or work schedule adders, on-call pay, call-out pay, vacation pay, sick pay, paid time off, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, withholding obligations, employment taxes or similar obligations accruing or related to work performed on or prior to the Initial Closing Date; (ii) severance pay, other termination pay, postretirement benefits and COBRA coverage, accruing or related to work performed on or prior to the Initial Closing Date; or (iii) any other form of compensation or benefits accruing or related to work performed on or prior to the Initial Closing Date under the terms or provisions of any Employee Benefit Plan of any Seller or such Affiliate, or any other agreement, plan, practice, policy, instrument or document relating to any of the Acquired Assets Employees, or any applicable Law, other than the Liabilities expressly assumed by the Buyer under Section 5.7;

(k) with respect to the Acquired Assets Employees or any independent contractors, or any other individuals and subject to Section 5.7, any Liabilities or obligations relating to the employment or engagement or termination of employment or engagement, including personal injury, tort, discrimination (including claims for whistleblowing under the Atomic Energy Act and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 as amended, as well as claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and/or any other federal, state or local statute, ordinance, regulation or order prohibiting discrimination), wrongful discharge, breach of implied or express contract, unfair labor practices, or constructive termination by any Seller or its Affiliate of any individual, or similar claim or cause of action attributable to any action or inaction by any Seller or any of its Affiliates where the material facts of such claim or cause of action occurred on or prior to the Initial Closing Date; provided that the Sellers shall not have any liability for similar actions or inactions by the Buyer after the Initial Closing Date;

(1) any Liabilities of Sellers accrued or related to or attributable to the period prior to the Initial Closing Date under any contract, license, Permit or other instrument relating to the Acquired Assets (including, without limitation, the Leases, Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Sharing Agreement and Other Assigned Contracts);

(m) as provided in Section 5.19, all Liabilities for assessments for decommissioning and decontamination fund fees relating to Nuclear Fuel purchased and consumed at the Facilities and accrued on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, under 42 U.S.C. Section 2297g-1;

(n) any costs or Liabilities relating to, or imposed under the NRC Licenses or any other Permits accruing prior to the relevant Closing Date, including without limitation those relating to (i) any investigation, proceeding, request for information or inspection arising out of acts or omissions of the Sellers or their employees, agents or contractors occurring on or prior to the relevant Closing Date or (ii) any illegal acts or willful misconduct of the Sellers or their employees, agents or contractors;

(o) any Environmental Liability to the extent such Environmental Liability arises out of or relates to any allegation or any investigation by any Governmental Authority of any criminal violations of Environmental Laws by the Sellers or any of their Affiliates occurring on or prior to the Initial Closing Date;

(p) any Environmental Liability to the extent such Environmental Liability derives from the same facts which form the basis of a conviction of, or plea of *nolo contendere* by, the Sellers or any of their Affiliates for a violation of Environmental Laws which conviction or plea arises out of a Governmental Authority's investigation of criminal violations of Environmental Laws by the Sellers or any of their Affiliates;

(q) all Liabilities for fees payable to DOE under the DOE Standard Contracts accrued or related to electricity generated and sold, on or prior to the Initial Closing Date, including, without limitation, subject to Section 5.18, all Liabilities for fees, late fees, penalties and other amounts payable to DOE in connection with the disposal of Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel, and interest accrued thereon as set forth in Article VIII of the DOE Standard Contracts;

(r) any Liabilities relating to the Connecticut Development Authority Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (as set forth in <u>Schedule 2.4(r)</u>, the "*Pollution Control Bonds*") and any agreements relating thereto, other than those arising out of the breach by the Buyer of the covenants contained in Section 5.8(d);

(s) any Liens on the Acquired Assets;

(t) except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement, any other Liability, obligation, claim, action, complaint, debt, suit, cause of action, investigation, or proceeding of any kind whatsoever asserted by any Third Party, against or relating to any of the Buyer, the Sellers or the Acquired Assets, for damages suffered by such Third Party arising from or relating to the use, ownership or lease of the Acquired Assets or operation of the Facilities on or prior to any Closing Date;

(u) all Liabilities of the Lead Participants under the Transmission Support Agreement;

(v) any Liabilities, fines, or penalties imposed by a Governmental Authority, including, without limitation, criminal penalties, civil fines, administrative settlement costs, costs to achieve continuous compliance and costs of remediation to the extent such obligations arise out

of or relate to such Governmental Authority's investigation of any alleged criminal violations occurring or alleged to have occurred on or prior to the Initial Closing Date;

(w) any Liabilities with respect to accounts payable for Inventory, except to the extent such accounts payable are netted against the value of the Inventory set forth in Section 2.6(a)(iv);

(x) any Liabilities with respect to any Acquired Asset, the transfer of which requires consent of a Third Party, which consent has not been obtained and/or the rights and benefits under which have not been lawfully provided to the Buyer pursuant to Section 5.6; and

(y) all Liabilities which are not Assumed Liabilities.

It is expressly agreed among the Sellers and acknowledged by the Buyer that the Excluded Liabilities (other than such Excluded Liabilities described in clause(r) of this Section 2.4) shall be retained by the Lead Participants and the Excluded Liabilities described in clause (r) of this Section 2.4 shall be retained by CL&P, WMECO and UI.

# 2.5. Consideration for Acquired Assets.

(a) *Facilities Purchase Price; Fuel Purchase Price*. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions contained herein, the Buyer shall pay (i)(A) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Acquired Assets (other than Nuclear Fuel) comprising Millstone Unit 1, \$1,000,000 (the "Unit 1 Facilities Purchase Price"), (B) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Acquired Assets (other than Nuclear Fuel) comprising Millstone Unit 2, \$401,500,000 (the "Unit 2 Facilities Purchase Price") and (C) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Acquired Assets (other than Nuclear Fuel) comprising Millstone Unit 3, \$781,299,971 (the "Unit 3 Facilities Purchase Price", and together with the Unit 1 Facilities Purchase Price and the Unit 2 Facilities Purchase Price, the "Facilities Purchase Price") and (ii)(A) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Nuclear Fuel attributable to Millstone Unit 1, \$0 (the "Unit 1 Fuel Purchase Price"), (B) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Sellers in the Nuclear Fuel attributable to Millstone Unit 3, \$62,067,658 (the "Unit 3 Fuel Purchase Price", and together with the Unit 3, \$62,067,658 (the "Unit 3 Fuel Purchase Price", and together with the Unit 1 Fuel Purchase Price and the Unit 2, \$41,900,000 (the "Unit 2 Fuel Purchase Price") and (C) for all of the interests of the Sellers in the Nuclear Fuel attributable to Millstone Unit 3, \$62,067,658 (the "Unit 3 Fuel Purchase Price", and together with the Unit 1 Fuel Purchase Price and the Unit 2 Fuel Purchase Price").

(b) <u>Payment of Purchase Price</u>. At each Closing the Buyer shall (i) pay to CL&P, on behalf of the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, for the Acquired Assets other than Nuclear Fuel purchased, sold, assigned or transferred at such Closing, a payment in immediately available funds equal to the sum of (A) the Unit 1 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 1 Facilities Purchase Price, (B) the Unit 2 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 2 Facilities Purchase Price and (C) the Unit 3 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 3 Facilities Purchase Price (collectively, the "Relevant Facilities Purchase Price") and (ii) pay to CL&P, on behalf of the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, for the Nuclear Fuel, a payment in

immediately available funds equal to the sum of (A) the Unit 1 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 1 Fuel Purchase Price, (B) the Unit 2 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 2 Fuel Purchase Price and (C) the Unit 3 Relevant Percentage of the Unit 3 Fuel Purchase Price (collectively, the "*Relevant Fuel Purchase Price*").

For the avoidance of doubt, an example setting forth the calculation of the Relevant Facilities Purchase Price and the Relevant Fuel Purchase Price as of a Closing is set forth in Schedule X.

(c) <u>Acceptable Credit Support</u>. At the Initial Closing, the Buyer shall deliver to CL&P, on behalf of the Sellers, an Acceptable Credit Support, and shall, pursuant to Section 5.21, maintain such Acceptable Credit Support to secure the payments of the Facilities Purchase Price and the Fuel Purchase Price.

2.6. <u>Adjustment to Facilities Purchase Price and Fuel Purchase Price</u>. On the Initial Closing Date, the Facilities Purchase Price and Fuel Purchase Price shall be increased or reduced as follows:

(a) *Facilities Payment Adjustments*. With respect to the Buyer,

(i) the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit shall be increased by an amount equal to the costs of Required Nuclear Expenditures for such Unit which have been completed and actually paid by the Sellers during the Interim Period and consented to in writing by the Buyer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, Required Nuclear Expenditures which cannot be attributed to a particular Unit shall be allocated among the Units pro rata based on the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit.

(ii) the Facilities Purchase Price for a Unit shall be decreased to the extent any of the Pre-Approved Capital Expenditures for such Unit have not been completed and paid for prior to the Initial Closing Date, which decrease shall be in an amount equal to the greater of (A) the budgeted amount for the incomplete portion of the Pre-Approved Capital Expenditure as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.3</u> and (B) the market-based cost that the Buyer would be required to pay for the incomplete portion following the Initial Closing Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, Pre-Approved Capital Expenditures which cannot be attributed to a particular Unit shall be allocated among the Units pro rata based on the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit.

(iii) the Facilities Purchase Price and the Fuel Purchase Price shall be adjusted as provided in Section 5.11(c) in the event of any Major Loss;

(iv) the Facilities Purchase Price shall be (A) increased if and to the extent the book value of all Inventories (excluding the value of items that are no longer useable at or for the Facilities) on the Initial Closing Date is greater than \$56,604,600, and (B) decreased if and to the extent the book value of such Inventories (excluding the value of items that are no longer useable at or for the Facilities) on the Initial Closing Date is less than \$56,604,600 (for purposes hereof, the calculation of the book value of all Inventories shall be performed by an Independent Accounting Firm and such book value shall be determined in accordance with GAAP, consistent with the Lead Participants' and NNECO's past practices) and through the conduct of an audit of the Inventories, using such processes and procedures as such Independent Accounting Firm shall deem advisable;

(v) to the extent the Lead Participants or NNECO have not disposed prior to the Initial Closing Date of all of the Radioactive Waste Material whether at the Sites or at an Offsite Hazardous Substance Facility and the cost of such disposal is in excess of \$500,000, the Facilities Purchase Price for the Units to which such excess disposal cost is allocable shall be decreased by the excess over such amount (the cost of such disposal to be determined based on the prevailing industry costs as close to the Initial Closing Date as practicable); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, any such disposal costs which cannot be attributed to a particular Unit shall be allocated among the Units pro rata based on the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit;

(vi) the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit shall be decreased for accrued and unpaid obligations for vacation pay, sick pay, floating holidays or personal days as may be due to any Acquired Assets Employee as of the Initial Closing Date (for purposes hereof, such adjustment shall be determined in accordance with GAAP consistent with the Lead Participants' and NNECO's past practices) attributable to such Unit; provided, however, any such obligations which cannot be attributed to a particular Unit shall be allocated among the Units pro rata based on the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit; and

(vii) the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit shall be increased by an amount equal to the aggregate cost of Proposed Improvements attributable to such Unit, to the extent implemented and actually paid by the Lead Participants and NNECO during the Interim Period; provided, however, any such costs which cannot be attributed to a particular Unit shall be allocated among the Units pro rata based on the Facilities Purchase Price for each Unit.

With respect to any adjustment described in this Section 2.6(a), as among the Sellers, the determination of what constitutes common facilities shall be consistent with historical practices.

### (b) Fuel Purchase Price Adjustments.

(i) The Fuel Purchase Price for the appropriate Unit shall be (i) increased if and to the extent the book value of all of the Sellers' Nuclear Fuel on the Initial Closing Date is greater than \$0 for Unit 1, \$41,900,000 for Unit 2 and \$62,067,658 for Unit 3, and (ii) decreased if and to the extent the book value of such Nuclear Fuel on the Initial Closing Date is less than \$0 for Unit 1, \$41,900,000 for Unit 2 and \$62,067,658 for Unit 3, (for purposes hereof, such adjustment shall be determined in accordance with GAAP, consistent with the Lead Participants' and NNECO's past practices).

### (c) Determination of Purchase Price Adjustments.

(i) At least twenty (20) Business Days prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer an estimated closing statement (the "Estimated Closing Statement") that shall set forth the best estimate of the Sellers of any adjustments to the Facilities Purchase Price required by Section 2.6(a)(i) through (vii) (the "Estimated Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment") and any adjustments to the Fuel Purchase Price required by Section 2.6(b) (the "Estimated Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment," together with the Estimated Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment the "Estimated Adjustments") as of the Initial Closing Date, together with reasonably detailed back-up information concerning the calculation of the Estimated Adjustments. Within ten (10) Business Days following the delivery of the Estimated Closing Statement by the Lead Participants to the Buyer, the Buyer may object in good faith to either or both of the Estimated Adjustments in writing. If the Buyer objects to either or both of the Estimated Adjustments, the Parties shall attempt to resolve such dispute by negotiation. If the Parties are unable to resolve such dispute before five (5) Business Days prior to such Initial Closing Date or if no objection is made by the Buyer with respect to either or both of the Estimated Adjustments, the Facilities Purchase Price and/or the Fuel Purchase Price shall each be adjusted for such Initial Closing Date by the net amount of the Estimated Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and the Estimated Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment respectively, not in dispute, and the amount in dispute shall be withheld for resolution in accordance with Section 2.6(c)(ii); and

(ii) Within thirty (30) days following the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer a closing statement (the "Post-Closing Statement") that shall set forth the completion by the Sellers of the Facilities Purchase Price adjustment in accordance with Section 2.6(a)(i) through (vii) as of such Initial Closing Date (the "Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment") and the components thereof and the Fuel Purchase Price adjustment in accordance with Section 2.6(b) as of such Initial Closing Date (the "Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment") and the components thereof. Within twenty (20) days following the delivery of the Post-Closing Statement by the Lead Participants to the Buyer, the Buyer may object to the Post-Closing Statement in writing.

The Sellers agree to cooperate with the Buyer to provide to the Buyer or its Representatives information used to prepare the Post-Closing Statement. If the Buyer objects to the Post-Closing Statement, the Parties shall attempt to resolve such dispute by negotiation. If the Parties are unable to resolve such dispute within twenty (20) days of any objection by the Buyer, the Parties shall appoint an Independent Accounting Firm, who shall review the Post-Closing Statement and determine within thirty (30) days after its appointment the appropriate Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment under this Section 2.6(c) as of such Initial Closing Date. The fees, costs and expenses of the Independent Accounting Firm shall be borne by the Party which in the conclusive judgment of the Independent Accounting Firm is not the prevailing party, or if such Independent Accounting Firm determines that neither Party could be fairly found to be the prevailing party, then such fees, costs and expenses shall be borne equally by the Buyer and the Sellers. The agreed upon Post-Closing Statement or the finding of such Independent Accounting Firm, as the case may be, shall be the Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment as to Section 2.6(a)(i) through (vii) and the Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment as to Section 2.6(b), and shall be binding on the Parties. The acceptance by the Buyer and the Sellers of such Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver of the rights of such Party in respect of any other provision of this Agreement.

2.7. <u>Payment of Purchase Price Adjustments</u>. The Estimated Adjustments, to the extent not in dispute, shall be aggregated at the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date and the Party or Parties which owe(s) the other(s) an adjustment to the Facilities Purchase Price and/or the Fuel Purchase Price shall make a cash payment of such adjustment in immediately available funds by wire transfer to an account designated by the Buyer or CL&P, as the case may be. Following the Initial Closing Date, if necessary, the Parties shall aggregate the Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and the Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment and if, after taking into account the payment, if any, made at the Initial Closing Date pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Party or Parties which owe(s) the other(s) an adjustment to the Facilities Purchase Price and/or the Fuel Purchase Price shall make a cash payment of such adjustment in immediately available funds by wire transfer to an account designated by the Buyer or CL&P, as the case may be.

2.8. <u>Allocation of Consideration</u>. The Buyer and the Lead Participants shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to agree upon an allocation among the Acquired Assets (other than the Nuclear Fuel) of the sum of the Facilities Purchase Price and the Assumed Liabilities consistent with Section 1060 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the Effective Date (or such later date as the Parties may mutually agree) but in no event fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the Initial Closing Date. In the event the Buyer and the Lead Participants cannot agree to an allocation, the Buyer and the Lead Participants shall obtain the services of an independent engineer or appraiser (the "Independent Appraiser") to assist in determining the fair value of the Acquired Assets solely for purposes of such allocation under this Section 2.8. If such an appraisal is made, the Buyer and the Sellers agree to accept the Independent Appraiser's determination of the fair value of the Acquired Assets. The cost of the appraisal shall be borne equally by the Buyer and the Sellers. To the extent such filings are required, the Buyer and the Sellers agree to file IRS Form 8594 and all federal, state, local and foreign Tax Returns in accordance with such agreed allocation. Except to the extent required to comply with audit determinations by any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over a Party, the Buyer and the Sellers shall report the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements for all required federal Income Tax and all other Tax purposes in a manner consistent with the allocation determined pursuant to this Section 2.8. The Buyer and the Sellers agree to provide each other promptly with any other information required to complete IRS Form 8594. The Buyer and the Sellers shall notify and provide each other with reasonable assistance in the event of an examination, audit or other proceeding regarding the agreed upon allocation of the Relevant Purchase Price. The Buyer and the Sellers shall treat the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as the acquisition by the Buyer of a trade or business for United States Federal Income Tax purposes and agree that no portion of the consideration therefor shall be treated in whole or in part as the payment for services or future services.

# 2.9. Proration.

(a) The Buyer and the Sellers agree that all of the items normally prorated in a sale of assets of the type contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements, relating to the business and operations of the Acquired Assets, will be prorated as of the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, with Sellers party to the relevant Closing liable to the extent such items relate to any period on or prior to the relevant Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, and the Buyer liable to the extent such items relate to periods after such relevant Closing Date which items shall include: (i) any personal property, real property, occupancy and water Taxes, assessments and other charges of the type that could give rise to a Permitted Encumbrance, if any, on or associated with the Acquired Assets; (ii) any rent, Taxes and other items payable by or to the Sellers under any of the Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Leases or Other Assigned Contracts assigned to and assumed by the Buyer hereunder (except for prepayments for Nuclear Fuel or Inventories); (iii) any Permit, license, registration or fees with respect to any Transferable Permit assigned to the Buyer associated with the Acquired Assets; (iv) sewer rents and charges for water, telephone, electricity and other utilities and insurance; (v) any amounts scheduled to be paid into the Decommissioning Funds by a Seller relating to the time period that includes the Initial Closing Date or a Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be; and (vi) any fees or charges imposed by INPO, NEI, the NRC or any other Governmental Authority or any association that the Buyer chooses to join.

(b) In connection with the prorations referred to in Section 2.9(a), if the actual figures are not available on the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, the proration shall be based upon the actual payments for the preceding year (or appropriate period) for which actual payments are available and such payments shall be re-prorated upon request of either Lead Participants or the Buyer made within sixty (60) days of the date the actual amounts become available. If the Taxes which are apportioned are thereafter reduced by abatement or award, the amount of such abatement or award, less the reasonable cost of obtaining the same and

any amounts due to tenants under leases due to such abatement or award, shall be apportioned between the applicable Parties; provided that no Party shall be obligated to institute or prosecute an abatement or appellate proceeding unless otherwise agreed in writing. The Sellers and the Buyer agree to furnish each other with such documents and other records that may be reasonably requested in order to confirm all adjustment and proration calculations made pursuant to this Section 2.9.

2.10. *The Closings*. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (collectively, the "Closing") shall take place at the offices of counsel to the Lead Participants or such other place as may be agreed to by the Parties commencing at 9:00 a.m. eastern time on the date that is fifteen (15) days (or, if the fifteenth day is not a Business Day, then the next Business Day following such fifteenth day) following the date on which all of the applicable conditions set forth in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 (excluding deliveries contemplated by Sections 2.11 and 2.12) have either been satisfied or waived by the Party for whose benefit such condition exists, such satisfaction or waiver to conform to Section 11.12; provided that such date shall not be earlier than the Coordination Date. The date of the Initial Closing (the "Initial Closing Date") and the date of each Subsequent Closing (the "Subsequent Closing Date") is each herein called a "Closing Date" and shall be effective for all purposes herein as of the time of funding on such Closing Date. The conditions set forth in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 shall be deemed to have been satisfied or waived in writing by a Party upon a Closing but only with respect to such Closing and such Parties participating in such Closing (and not with respect to any Subsequent Closing or any other Parties); provided such satisfaction or waiver shall not be deemed to limit a Party's right to indemnification pursuant to Section 9

## 2.11. Deliveries by the Sellers at the Closings.

(a) <u>Initial Closing</u>. At the Initial Closing (unless otherwise indicated), the Lead Participants or the Required Sellers, as appropriate, shall deliver the following to the Buyer, duly executed and properly acknowledged, relating to the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets being sold, assigned or transferred at such Initial Closing (provided, however, if a form referred to is not attached to this Agreement, then such form shall be a form reasonably acceptable to the Buyer and the Lead Participants):

(i) a Deed for the Real Property and Improvements, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, and any owner's affidavits or similar documents required by the Title Company;

(ii) a Bill of Sale, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto;

(iii) the Asset Demarcation Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit <u>C</u> hereto;

(iv) an Assignment and Assumption Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, in recordable form if necessary;

(v) in the case of CL&P, the Interconnection Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit  $\underline{E}$  hereto;

(vi) the termination of the Plant Agreement;

(vii) the Release of Mortgage Indenture, in the case of CL&P, substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto, and in the case of all Sellers, a release of all Liens in such other form as meets the requirements of such Seller's Lien or mortgage indenture, if any;

(viii) the Lead Participant Rights Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit J hereto;

(ix) the Interim Services Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit  $\underline{L}$  hereto;

(x) originals, or copies certified to the Buyer's satisfaction, of the Transferable Permits, Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Other Assigned Contracts, Leases and Estoppel Certificates, which shall be delivered to the Buyer at the Facilities or such other location as the Buyer shall request;

(xi) the consents, waivers or approvals set forth on <u>Schedule 2.11(a)(xi)</u> and all other consents, waivers and approvals necessary for the transfer of the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements, including those with respect to the Transferable Permits, Material Contracts, Leases, Emergency Preparedness Agreements and Other Assigned Contracts;

(xii) a certificate from an authorized officer of each such Required Seller, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions with respect to such Seller in its individual capacity set forth in Sections 6.1(a)(i), 6.1(b), 6.1(d), 6.1(e), 6.1(f), 6.1(g) and 6.1(j) (to the extent the Related Agreements are applicable to such Seller) have been satisfied;

(xiii) a copy, certified by an authorized officer of each such Required Seller, of resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Related Agreements and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby;

(xiv) a certificate of an authorized officer of each such Required Seller which shall identify by name and title and bear the signature of the officers of such Seller authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto;

(xv) an opinion or opinions from one or more internal or outside counsel to each such Required Seller (who shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer), dated the Closing Date and reasonably satisfactory in form to the Buyer and its counsel, covering substantially the matters set forth on <u>Schedule 2.11(a)(xv)</u>;

(xvi) the Title Commitments to be delivered by the Lead Participants pursuant to Section 3.2(r);

(xvii) such Required Seller's FIRPTA Affidavit;

(xviii) in the case of CL&P, certificates of title for all vehicles listed on <u>Schedule 2.1(n)</u> acquired by the Buyer;

(xix) amounts due from each such Required Seller, if any, for the Estimated Adjustment pursuant to Section 2.6(c);

(xx) the items and documents listed in Section 2.1(g); provided, in the case of documents located at the Facilities, the Required Sellers may furnish a certificate authorizing the Buyer to take possession thereof in lieu of physical delivery at the Initial Closing Date, and provided further that in the event that applicable Law prohibits transfer of the original documents on the Initial Closing Date, the Required Sellers shall provide certified copies of the items and documents, and provide the original documents at such time allowable under applicable Law;

(xxi) a certificate of good standing with respect to each such Required Seller, to the extent applicable (dated within five (5) Business Days of such Closing Date), issued by the appropriate Secretary of State for each such Required Seller; (xxii) if applicable, the assets of each such Seller's Decommissioning

Funds;

(xxiii) a certificate from an authorized officer of the Lead Participants participating in the Initial Closing, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 6.1(a)(ii), 6.1(h) and 6.1(i) have been satisfied;

(xxiv) if WMECO does not sell its Ownership Share in Millstone Units 1 and 2 on the Initial Closing Date, an agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer and WMECO, pursuant to which WMECO grants to the Buyer and the Buyer agrees to perform, such rights and obligations with respect to such Units as are comparable to the rights and obligations granted to the Lead Participants under the Sharing Agreement for Millstone Unit 3 and to manage the use of Nuclear Fuel; and

(xxv) such other agreements, consents, documents, instruments and writings as are reasonably required to be delivered by each such Required Seller at or prior to the Initial Closing Date pursuant to this Agreement or the Related Agreements or otherwise reasonably required in connection herewith or therewith, including all such other instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment or assumption as the Buyer or its counsel may reasonably request in connection with the sale and transfer of the Acquired Assets or the transactions contemplated hereby; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this subsection (xxv) shall not require such Required Seller to prepare or obtain any surveys relating to the Real Property.

(b) <u>Subsequent Closing</u>. At each Subsequent Closing (unless otherwise indicated), if appropriate, the Remaining Sellers participating in such Closing shall deliver the following to the Buyer, duly executed and properly acknowledged, relating to the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets being sold, assigned or transferred at such Subsequent Closing:

(i) a Deed for the Real Property and Improvements and any owner's affidavits or similar documents required by the Title Company;

(ii) a Bill of Sale;

(iii) an Assignment and Assumption Agreement, if appropriate;

(iv) a Release of Mortgage Indenture, with such modifications as may be necessary to meet the requirements of such Remaining Seller's mortgage, if any; (v) originals, or copies certified to the Buyer's satisfaction, to the extent not delivered to the Buyer at the Initial Closing or any prior Subsequent Closing, of the Transferable Permits, Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Other Assigned Contracts, Leases and Estoppel Certificates, which shall be delivered to the Buyer at the Facilities or such other location as the Buyer shall request;

(vi) the consents, waivers or approvals set forth on <u>Schedule 2.11(a)(xi)</u> and all other consents, waivers and approvals necessary for the transfer of the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements;

(vii) a certificate from an authorized officer of each such Remaining Seller, dated the relevant Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions with respect to such Seller in its individual capacity set forth in Sections 6.1(a)(i), 6.1(b), 6.1(d), 6.1(e), 6.1(f), 6.1(g), and 6.1(j) have been satisfied;

(viii) a copy, certified by an authorized officer of each such Remaining Seller, of resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Related Agreements and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby;

(ix) a certificate of an authorized officer of each such Remaining Seller which shall identify by name and title and bear the signature of the officers of such Remaining Seller authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto;

(x) an opinion or opinions from one or more internal or outside counsel to each such Remaining Seller (who shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer), dated the Closing Date and reasonably satisfactory in form to the Buyer and its counsel, covering substantially the matters set forth in <u>Schedule 2.11(a)(xv)</u>;

(xi) the items and documents listed in Section 2.1(g); provided, in the case of documents located at the Facilities, to the extent not delivered to the Buyer at the Initial Closing or any prior Subsequent Closing, the Remaining Sellers may furnish a certificate authorizing the Buyer to take possession thereof in lieu of physical delivery at the relevant Closing Date, and provided further that in the event that applicable Law prohibits transfer of the original documents on such Closing Date, the Remaining Sellers shall provide certified copies of the items and documents and provide the original documents at such time allowable under applicable Law;

(xii) the Title Commitment to be delivered by the Lead Participants pursuant to Section 3.2(r);

(xiii) such Remaining Seller's FIRPTA Affidavit;

(xiv) a certificate of good standing with respect to each such Remaining Seller, to the extent applicable (dated within five (5) Business Days of such Closing Date), issued by the appropriate Secretary of State for each such Remaining Seller;

(xv) if applicable, the assets of each such Remaining Seller's Decommissioning Funds;

(xvi) a certificate from an authorized officer of the Lead Participants, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 6.1(a)(ii), 6.1(h) and 6.1(i) have been satisfied; and

(xvii) such other agreements, consents, documents, instruments and writings as are reasonably required to be delivered by each such Remaining Seller at or prior to such Closing Date pursuant to this Agreement or the Related Agreements or otherwise reasonably required in connection herewith or therewith, including all such other instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment or assumption as the Buyer or its counsel may reasonably request in connection with the sale and transfer of the Acquired Assets or the transactions contemplated hereby; provided, however, that this subsection (xvii) shall not require such Seller to prepare or obtain any surveys relating to the Real Property.

# 2.12. Deliveries by the Buyer at the Closing Date.

(a) <u>Initial Closing</u>. At the Initial Closing, if appropriate, the Buyer shall deliver to the Required Sellers duly executed and properly acknowledged, relating to the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets being sold, assigned or transferred at such Closing:

(i) the Relevant Facilities Purchase Price, the Relevant Fuel Purchase Price and amounts due from the Buyer, if any, for the Estimated Adjustment pursuant to Section 2.6(c);

- (ii) an Assignment and Assumption Agreement;
- (iii) the Asset Demarcation Agreement;

- (iv) the Interconnection Agreement;
- (v) if applicable, the DTC Guarantee;
- (vi) the Acceptable Credit Support;
- (vii) evidence of the Buyer's membership in NEPOOL;

(viii) a certificate from an authorized officer of the Buyer, dated the Initial Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 6.2(a), 6.2(b), 6.2(d), 6.2(g), 6.2(

(ix) a copy, certified by an authorized officer of the Buyer, of resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Related Agreements to which the Buyer is a party and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby;

(x) a certificate of an authorized officer of the Buyer which shall identify by name and title and bear the signature of the officers of the Buyer authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements to which the Buyer is a party and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto;

(xi) an opinion or opinions from one or more internal or outside counsel to the Buyer (who shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Lead Participants), dated the Initial Closing Date and reasonably satisfactory in form to the Lead Participants and their counsel, covering substantially the matters set forth in <u>Schedule 2.12(a)</u>;

(xii) a certificate of good standing with respect to the Buyer (dated within five (5) Business Days of such Closing Date) issued by the Secretary of State of the jurisdiction of its organization; and

(xiii) such other agreements, consents, documents, instruments and writings as are reasonably required to be delivered by the Buyer at or prior to such Closing Date pursuant to this Agreement or the Related Agreements or otherwise reasonably required in connection herewith or therewith, including all such other instruments of assumption as the Lead Participants or their counsel may reasonably request in connection with the purchase of the Acquired Assets or the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) <u>Subsequent Closing</u>. At each Subsequent Closing, if appropriate, the Buyer shall deliver to the Remaining Sellers participating at such Closing, duly executed and properly acknowledged, relating to the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets being sold, assigned or transferred at such Closing:

(i) the Relevant Facilities Purchase Price, the Relevant Fuel Purchase Price and amounts due from the Buyer, if any, for the Estimated Adjustment pursuant to Section 2.6(c);

(ii) an Assignment and Assumption Agreement;

(iii) a certificate from an authorized officer of the Buyer, dated such Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 6.2(a), 6.2(b), 6.2(c), 6.2(d), 6.

(iv) a copy, certified by an authorized officer of the Buyer, of resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Related Agreements to which the Buyer is a party and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby;

(v) a certificate of an authorized officer of the Buyer which shall identify by name and title and bear the signature of the officers of the Buyer authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements to which the Buyer is a party and instruments attached as exhibits hereto and thereto;

(vi) an opinion or opinions from one or more counsel to the Buyer (who shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Lead Participants), dated such Closing Date and reasonably satisfactory in form to the Lead Participants and their counsel, covering substantially the matters set forth in <u>Schedule 2.12(a)</u>;

(vii) a certificate of good standing with respect to the Buyer (dated within five (5) Business Days of such Closing Date) issued by the Secretary of State of the jurisdiction of its organization; and

(viii) such other agreements, consents, documents, instruments and writings as are reasonably required to be delivered by the Buyer at or prior to such Closing Date pursuant to this Agreement or the Related Agreements or otherwise reasonably required in connection herewith or therewith, including all such other instruments of assumption as the Lead Participants or their counsel may reasonably request in connection with the purchase of the Acquired Assets or the transactions contemplated hereby.

## 3. Representations, Warranties and Disclaimers.

3.1. <u>Representations and Warranties of Each Seller</u>. Each of the Lead Participants and NNECO (as Sellers), jointly and severally, and each other Seller, individually with respect to itself and neither jointly nor jointly and severally, with respect to such Seller's Ownership Share in Millstone Unit 3 only, hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer as of the Effective Date and the applicable Closing Date as follows, except in the case of the representation in Section 3.2(v), which shall only be given by those Sellers which have Qualified Decommissioning Funds:

(a) <u>Organization</u>. Except in the case of VEG&T, such Seller is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has all requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease, and operate its properties and to carry on its business as is now being conducted. Copies of the charter and by-laws of such Seller, each as amended to date, will have been delivered to the Buyer prior to the Closing Date to which such Seller is a Party and will be accurate and complete. To the extent such Seller is not a Connecticut entity, such Seller is qualified to do business in Connecticut.

(b) Authorization, Execution and Enforceability of Transactions. Such Seller has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements and, subject to receipt of its Seller Regulatory Approvals, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder. All necessary actions or proceedings to be taken by or on the part of such Seller to authorize and permit the due execution and valid delivery by such Seller of this Agreement and the Related Agreements and the instruments required to be duly executed and validly delivered by such Seller pursuant hereto and thereto, the performance by such Seller of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and the consummation by such Seller of the transactions contemplated herein and therein, have been duly and properly taken. This Agreement has been duly executed and validly delivered by such Seller, and assuming due execution and delivery by the Buyer and receipt of all Seller Regulatory Approvals, constitutes the valid and legally binding obligation of such Seller, enforceable in accordance with its terms and conditions, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is sought in equity or at law). When each Related Agreement has been executed and delivered by the Buyer and such Seller and each other party thereto, such Related Agreement will constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of such Seller, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is sought in equity or at law). Such Seller acknowledges the receipt and sufficiency of consideration with respect to this Agreement and each of the Related Agreements.

Subject to such Seller obtaining its Seller Regulatory (c) *Noncontravention*. Approvals, neither the execution and delivery by such Seller of this Agreement or any of the Related Agreements, or any other instrument, document or agreement required hereby to be executed and delivered by such Seller at or prior to any Closing, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will (i) violate or breach any Law to which such Seller or any of its property is subject or any provision of the charter or by-laws of such Seller, or (ii) conflict with, result in a breach or forfeiture of, constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of, create in any Person the right to accelerate, terminate, modify, revoke, suspend or cancel, or require any notice under, or create in any Person the right to acquire all or any part of the Acquired Assets under any agreement, contract, lease, Permit, license, instrument, or other arrangement to which such Seller is bound or to which any of its assets is subject (or result in the imposition of any Lien upon any of the Acquired Assets), except for matters that, (x) in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on such Seller or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements or for which a consent or waiver shall have been obtained, (y) are disclosed on Schedule 3.1(c), or (z) arise in relation to any non-assigned rights under Permits, Material Contracts, Leases or Other Assigned Contracts or other agreements or matters which have been expressly disclosed to the Buyer.

(d) <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. Except for Seller Regulatory Approvals, no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of any Governmental Authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Related Agreements by such Seller, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

### (e) [RESERVED]

(f) <u>Regulation as a Utility</u>. To the extent described in <u>Schedule 3.1(f)(i)</u>, such Seller is a public service company and an electric company or other similar entity subject to regulation by a Governmental Authority, as specified in <u>Schedule 3.1(f)(i)</u>. To the extent described in <u>Schedule 3.1(f)(ii)</u>, such Seller is an "electric utility company" and a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company" which is registered or exempt from registration under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended. Such Seller is an "electric utility" subject to regulation by FERC under the Federal Power Act, as amended, and is a power reactor and materials licensee subject to regulation by the NRC under the Atomic Energy Act (as such terms are defined therein).

(g) <u>Brokers' Fees</u>. Such Seller has no Liability or obligation to pay any fees or commissions to any broker, finder or agent with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for which the Buyer could become liable or obligated.

# (h) [RESERVED]

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## (j) [RESERVED]

(k) <u>Disclosure</u>. The representations, warranties and statements contained in this Agreement, the Related Agreements and in the certificates, exhibits and schedules delivered by such Seller pursuant hereto and thereto to the Buyer do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and, when taken together, do not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make such representations, warranties or statements not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made.

### (l) [RESERVED]

(m) <u>No Partnership</u>. The Sellers' ownership of the Facilities as tenants in common does not constitute as of the date hereof, will not constitute as of any Closing Date and has not constituted at any time, a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

3.2. <u>Representations and Warranties of Lead Participants</u>. Each of the Lead Participants and NNECO, hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer jointly and severally as of the Effective Date and each Closing Date as follows:

(a) <u>No Defects</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.2(a)</u>, there are no defects in the physical condition of any Improvements that constitute a part of the Real Property which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) <u>Absence of Certain Changes or Events</u>. Since December 31, 1999, except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.2(b)</u>, there has not been: (a) any Material Adverse Effect, or (b) any damage, destruction or casualty loss, whether or not covered by insurance, which, individually or in the aggregate, created or could reasonably be expected to create, a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) <u>Legal and Other Compliance</u>. Neither such Lead Participant nor, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other Seller, has received any written notice from any Governmental Authority that such Lead Participant or Seller is not in compliance with all Laws (other than Environmental Laws) applicable to the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities other than as disclosed in <u>Schedule 3.2(c)(i)</u>, and neither such Lead Participant nor, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other Seller, has violated such Laws, except for any violations that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Sellers have obtained all Permits necessary for the ownership and operation of the Acquired Assets as presently owned and operated. Except as described in <u>Schedule 3.2(c)(iii)</u>, all reports and returns required to be filed in connection with the Acquired Assets or the Acquired Assets Employees with the NRC and other Governmental Authorities have been filed and all Permits which are required in connection

with the business of owning and/or operating the Acquired Assets have been obtained, other than those the failure of which to file and obtain, have not had and could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.2(c)(ii), (i) all of such Permits are in full force and effect and no proceedings for the suspension or cancellation of any of them is pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened and (ii) no notice of violation of any of such Permits has been received, except for notices of violation which, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. All Permits are being complied with, except for violations which could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Schedule 2.1(e) sets forth all Transferable Permits and Schedule 3.2(c)(ii) sets forth all other Permits that are required by Law in order to own or operate the Acquired Assets. No Governmental Authority has taken any action (including NRC orders or confirmatory action letters) that would prevent the Facilities from operating at their full rated capacity at or after any Closing, and to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, there has been no noncompliance by the Sellers with NRC requirements that would prevent full power operations of the Facilities at or after the Closing.

(d) <u>Utilities</u>. To such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, the sewer and water systems and all other utilities that currently service the Real Property are sufficient for the operation of the Facilities. Such Lead Participant and NNECO have no reason to believe that such systems and utilities will not be sufficient to continue to operate the Facilities, and such services exist on the Initial Closing Date. Such Lead Participant and NNECO have no Knowledge of and have not received any notice of the curtailment of any utility service supplied to the Real Property. To such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, all water and all gas, electrical, steam, telecommunication, sanitary and storm sewer and drainage lines, systems and hook-ups and all other utilities and public and quasi-public improvements located upon, under, at or adjacent to the Real Property required by law, ordinance, rule, code or necessary for the normal operation of the Facilities, are installed, are connected under valid permits, are in good working order, are fully paid for and enter onto the Real Property either through publicly dedicated rights of way or valid easements.

## (e) Contracts and Leases.

(i) Except (A) as listed in <u>Schedules 2.1(c)</u>, <u>2.1(d)</u>, <u>2.1(f)</u>, <u>2.1(m)(ii)</u> or <u>2.1(r)</u> or any other Schedule, (B) for contracts, agreements, personal property leases, commitments, understandings, promises or instruments which will be fully performed or terminated on or prior to the Initial Closing Date, (C) for agreements with suppliers entered into in the ordinary course of business that may be assumed by and assigned to the Buyer in the absence of a Third Party consent thereto and (D) the Other Assigned Contracts and Non-Assigned Contracts, there is no written contract, agreement, personal property lease, commitment, understanding, promise or instrument which is (x) material to the ownership or operation of the Acquired Assets or (y) provides for the sale of any amount of ancillary services, capacity or energy from any of the Acquired Assets (whether

or not entered into in the ordinary course of business). The Schedule of Leases attached as Schedule 2.1(d) (the "Lease Schedule") contains a description of all Leases now in effect, whether written or oral, including all amendments, extensions, modifications and supplements thereto, pursuant to which any Person uses or occupies any part of the Real Property or Improvements. There are no Leases other than those set forth on the Lease Schedule.

None of the Non-Assigned Contracts are material to the ownership or operation of the Acquired Asset or provide for the sale of any amount of capacity or energy from any of the Acquired Assets.

(ii) Each of the Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Leases and Other Assigned Contracts constitutes a valid and binding obligation enforceable in accordance with its terms, of the Lead Participants and Sellers party thereto and, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, of the other parties thereto and is in full force and effect.

(iii) All of the material provisions of each Material Contract (other than the default of DOE under the DOE Standard Contract), Lease, Emergency Preparedness Agreement and Other Assigned Contract have been complied with and there does not exist any breach, violation or event of default under any such Material Contract (other than the default of DOE under the DOE Standard Contract), Lease, Emergency Preparedness Agreement and Other Assigned Contract on the part of the Sellers, or to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other party thereto, or any event which after notice of lapse of time or both, could constitute an event of default under any such Material Contract, Lease, Emergency Preparedness Agreement and Other Assigned Contract, except for such non-compliance or default as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as disclosed in <u>Schedule 3.2(g)</u>, there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending, or to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened before any court or before any Governmental Authority for the renegotiation of or any other adjustment of or otherwise relating to any such Material Contract, Lease, Emergency Preparedness Agreement or Other Assigned Contract (except for such matters as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect).

(iv) The Persons holding interests in each of Millstone Unit 1, 2 and 3 and their respective Ownership Shares are as set forth in Schedule 1. Other than as set forth in the Sharing Agreement or otherwise disclosed in Schedule 3.1(c), there are (A) no restrictions on the transfer of Sellers' interests in Millstone Unit 1, 2 or 3 (other than Buyer Regulatory Approvals and Seller Regulatory Approvals) and (B) no options or other rights to acquire Sellers' interests in Millstone Unit 1, 2 or 3. The Acquired Assets owned by CL&P and WMECO being transferred hereunder are substantially all of CL&P's and WMECO's respective generating facilities. The sale to and purchase by the Buyer of the Acquired Assets will not entitle any Person to exercise any purchase options, rights of first refusal, or similar rights with respect to the Acquired Assets or the interest therein to be purchased by the Buyer under this Agreement.

(f) <u>Insurance</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.2(f)</u>, all policies of nuclear property damage, nuclear liability, public liability, worker's compensation and other forms of insurance owned or held by the Sellers or their Affiliates and insuring the Acquired Assets are in full force and effect, all premiums with respect thereto covering all periods up to and including the date as of which this representation is being made have been paid (other than retrospective premiums which may be payable with respect to nuclear liability, nuclear property damage, public liability, worker's compensation insurance and other similar insurance policies as to which Sellers have received no notice), and no notice of cancellation or termination has been received with respect to any such policy which was not replaced on substantially similar terms prior to the date of such cancellation. Except as described in <u>Schedule 3.2(f)</u>, none of the Sellers has been refused any insurance with respect to the Acquired Assets nor has the coverage of such insurance been limited by any insurance carrier to which it has applied for any such insurance or with which it has carried insurance during the last twelve months.

(g) Litigation. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.2(g), (i) there are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened before any court or Governmental Authority which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or that question the validity of this Agreement or the Related Agreements or of any action taken or to be taken pursuant to or in connection with the provisions of this Agreement or the Related Agreements and which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) neither such Lead Participant nor, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other Seller is subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, citation, fine, penalty, writ, injunction or decree of any court or Governmental Authority which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) neither such Lead Participant nor, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other Seller has received any written notification that it is in violation of any Laws or Permits with respect to the Acquired Assets or Assumed Liabilities, except for notifications of violations which could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As at the Effective Date, no petition is filed or is pending under 10 C.F.R. Section 2.206 or Section 2.802, or any claim for review of any action thereon. Subject to the preceding sentence, a petition filed or pending under 10 C.F.R. Section 2.206 or Section 2.802, or any claim for review of any action thereon, shall not be considered to be within the scope of this representation.

(h) <u>Employees</u>. There are no collective bargaining agreements which relate to employees of each Lead Participant, NNECO, NUSCO, and their Affiliates where employment involves the Acquired Assets (the "Collective Bargaining Agreements"). No Plant Employees are represented by a labor union or other authorized bargaining representative. Schedule 5.7(b)(i)

contains a true and complete list of the Plant Employees. The Lead Participants and NNECO have delivered to the Buyer prior to the Effective Date a true and complete list of the lowest level of the wages and overall compensation of each Plant Employee in effect during the six-month period prior to the Effective Date (the "Plant Employee Disclosure Letter"). Except as described in Schedule 3.2(h): (i) there has been no work stoppage due to labor disagreements experienced at the Facilities in the past five (5) years; (ii) such Lead Participant, NNECO, and their Affiliates are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws respecting employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment (including, without limitation, Employee Benefit Plans) and wages and hours relating to the Plant Employees; (iii) such Lead Participant and its Affiliates have not received written notice from any Governmental Authority of any unfair labor practice charge or complaint against such Lead Participant pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened before the National Labor Relations Board or any other Governmental Authority with respect to such Plant Employees; (iv) no arbitration proceeding arising out of or under any Collective Bargaining Agreement with respect to the Acquired Assets other than proceedings arising in connection with individual employee grievance procedures, is pending against such Lead Participant or its Affiliates; (v) there is no labor strike, slowdown or stoppage actually pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened by any union or authorized representative of employees of such Lead Participant or its Affiliates related to the Acquired Assets against or affecting such Lead Participant or its Affiliates; and (vi) except as set forth in Schedule 3.2(g), there are no charges of discrimination pending with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or state or local counterpart, the U.S. Department of Labor, the NRC or any other Government Authority related to services performed in connection with the Acquired Assets.

(i) Environmental Matters. Except as disclosed in Schedule 3.2(i), such Lead Participant and its Affiliates, and to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, each of the other Sellers, has not received any written notice from any Governmental Authority, nor do they have Knowledge of any condition that would reasonably be expected to lead to such a notice, that it is not or has not been in compliance with Environmental Laws the violation of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There are no Environmental Liabilities existing at any Site, except as disclosed in Schedule 3.2(i), that, in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to (x) have a Material Adverse Effect or (y) require Remediation in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Except as disclosed in Schedule 3.2(i), there are no underground storage tanks, active or abandoned or polychlorinated-biphenyl containing equipment located on any Site. All environmental audits or assessments conducted on or after January 1, 1990 by, or on behalf of, or which are in the possession of such Lead Participants or their Affiliates, have been made available to the Buyer prior to execution of this Agreement and all environmental audits or assessments conducted prior to such date by, on behalf of, or which are in the possession of such Lead Participant or its Affiliates have also been made available to the Buyer prior to execution of this Agreement.

(j) <u>Condemnation</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.2(j)</u>, there is no pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened proceeding by any Governmental Authority to condemn or take by power of eminent domain or otherwise, all or any

part of the Acquired Assets, which could reasonably be expected to constitute a Material Adverse Effect.

(k) Intellectual Property. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.2(k), such Lead Participant or its Affiliates has ownership of, or license to use, all of the Intellectual Property relating to the Acquired Assets and the rights of the Sellers in all of such (i) Owned Intellectual Property relating to the Acquired Assets are freely transferable and (ii) Licensed Intellectual Property relating to the Acquired Assets are freely assignable. There are no claims or demands of any other Person pertaining to any such Intellectual Property and no proceedings have been instituted, or are pending or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, threatened, which challenge the rights of the Sellers in respect thereof. All licenses or other agreements under which the Sellers are granted rights in Intellectual Property relating to the Acquired Assets are listed on Schedule 3.2(k). All licenses or other agreements under which the Sellers have granted rights to others in Intellectual Property relating to the Acquired Assets owned or licensed by the Sellers are listed on Schedule 3.2(k). Except as set forth in Schedule 3.2(k), all of such licenses or other agreements are in full force and effect, there is no material default by any party thereto, and, all of the Sellers' rights thereunder are freely assignable. The business and activities of such Lead Participant and any other Sellers related primarily to the Facilities do not infringe any Intellectual Property of any other Person. None of the Owned Intellectual Property or, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, the Licensed Intellectual Property infringe any Intellectual Property of any other Person. Neither such Lead Participant nor, to such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, any other Seller is making unauthorized use of any confidential information or trade secrets of any Person, including without limitation any former employer of any past or present employee of the Sellers.

(1) <u>Accounting Methods</u>. Since December 31, 1999, such Lead Participant and NNECO have not materially changed, and during the Interim Period shall not materially change, its accounting methods or practices, credit practices or collection policies.

(m) <u>Complete Copies</u>. True and complete copies of the Material Contracts, the Leases, the Emergency Preparedness Agreements, the Transferable Permits, the Title Commitment and the Other Assigned Contracts have been delivered to the Buyer.

(n) <u>Operability</u>. Except to the extent any Other Assigned Contract may not be assigned or assignable in whole or part to the Buyer or any Permit may not be transferable to the Buyer, and subject to such amendments to <u>Schedule 2.1(u)</u> as the Parties may agree to make during the Interim Period and other provisions, limitations and conditions expressly set forth in this Agreement and the Related Agreements, the Acquired Assets constitute all of the assets that are necessary and sufficient to own and operate the Facilities by the Sellers in the manner in which they have been operated during the twelve-month period immediately prior to the Initial Closing Date.

(o) Employees Benefit Programs. Schedule 5.7(d) lists as of the Effective Date, all Employee Benefit Plans established, sponsored, maintained or contributed to (or to which there is an obligation to contribute) by such Lead Participant or its Affiliates in respect of the Acquired Assets Employees. Accurate and complete copies of all such Employee Benefit Plans have been made available to the Buyer. No Employee Benefit Plan and no "employee pension benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) maintained by the Sellers or any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) which are or have ever been under common control, or which are or have ever been treated as a single employer, with any of the Sellers under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code, or to which the Sellers or any such ERISA affiliate has contributed, is a Multiemployer Plan. Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.7(d) with respect to the Acquired Assets Employees, each of such Lead Participant or its Affiliates does not contribute to, and has no obligation to contribute to, any Multiemployer Plan. No liability under Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code has been incurred by such Lead Participants or their Affiliates, with respect to the Acquired Assets Employees that has not been satisfied in full, and no condition exists that presents a material risk to the Buyer of incurring any such liability. other than liability for premiums due the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, which premiums have been paid to the extent due on or prior to the Initial Closing Date.

Except as set forth in the preceding paragraph, (i) none of the Sellers or their Affiliates establishes, sponsors, maintains or contributes to (nor is there an obligation to contribute to) any Employee Benefit Plans in respect of the Acquired Assets Employees and (ii) none of the Sellers or their Affiliates have any Liabilities for any form of compensation or benefits under any Employee Benefit Plan of any such Seller or such Affiliate, or any other agreement, plan, practice, policy, instrument or document, in any such case, relating to any of the Acquired Assets Employee, any applicable Law or otherwise.

(p) <u>Zoning</u>. The Real Property is currently zoned in zoning categories which presently permit, and which after giving effect to the Closing, will continue to permit the operation of the Facilities. The Lead Participants have not requested, applied for, or given its consent to, and the Lead Participants have no knowledge of, any pending zoning variance or change with respect to the zoning of the Real Property. To such Lead Participant's and NNECO's Knowledge, there exist no outstanding covenants or agreements in connection with the zoning of the Real Property or any portion thereof which would bind or require Buyer to perform any actions or pay any monies in connection therewith.

(q) <u>Real Property; Plant and Equipment</u>. Schedule 2.1(c) contains a complete description of the major equipment components and personal property comprising the Acquired Assets. Except for the exceptions listed in Schedule 3.2(q), the Acquired Assets conform in all respects to the Technical Specifications and the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and are being operated in all respects in conformance with all applicable requirements under Nuclear Laws, and the rules, regulations, orders and licenses issued thereunder, except for such non-conformance thereof which, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(r) Title to Acquired Assets. Subject to Permitted Encumbrances, each of the Sellers holds good and marketable title to its tenant-in-common interest (as set forth on Schedule 1 hereto) in the Real Property to the extent, and only to the extent, specified in Schedule A to the title insurance commitments attached hereto as in <u>Schedule 3.2(r)</u> (the "Title Commitments"). The Real Property constitutes all of the real property necessary for the use and operation of the Acquired Assets. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.2(r) and except for Permitted Encumbrances. each of the Sellers has good and valid title to, a valid leasehold interest in, valid rights under contract to use, or license for, its tenant-in-common interest in the other Acquired Assets, free and clear of all Liens. Each of the Sellers owns a tenant-in-common interest in the Acquired Assets in a percentage equal to its Ownership Share as set forth in Schedule 1, or, in the case of NNECO's assets, a beneficial interest held indirectly through the Lead Participants, acting on behalf of the Associate Participants. There are no public or private special assessments levied or, to the Knowledge of such the Lead Participants, threatened against the Acquired Assets except for those items, if any, as to which the Lead Participants will indemnify the Buyer pursuant to Section 9.3. Complete and correct copies of any current surveys of the Real Property in the Lead Participants' possession and any policies of title insurance (including copies of exceptions reflected thereon) currently in force and in the possession of the Lead Participants with respect to any Seller's interest in the Real Property have been delivered to Buyer.

(s) <u>Disclosure</u>. There are no facts which presently may or in the future could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect which have not been specifically disclosed herein or in the Related Agreements, and in the exhibits and schedules thereto and certificates referenced therein, other than general economic conditions affecting the Sellers' industry.

(t) <u>Taxes</u>. All Tax Returns of the Sellers required to be filed regarding the ownership or operation of the Acquired Assets have been filed, and all Taxes due as indicated thereon have been paid, except where (as described in Schedule 3.2(t)) such Taxes are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, or where the failure to file or pay, in either case, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no unpaid Tax on any Seller's ownership, operation or use of the Acquired Assets for which the Buyer could become liable. There are no Liens for Taxes upon such Seller's Ownership Share of the Acquired Assets, except for Liens for Taxes not yet due and payable and Liens for Taxes that are being contested in good faith and for which adjusted reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP (as described in Schedule 3.2(t)). Except as disclosed in Schedule 3.2(t), (i) none of the Sellers has waived any statute of limitations in respect of Taxes or agreed to any extension with respect to a Tax assessment or deficiency in connection with the Acquired Assets and (ii) there is no material dispute or claim concerning any Tax either (A) claimed or raised by any Governmental Authority in writing or (B) as to which any of the directors or officers of the Seller have Knowledge based upon a personal contact with any agent of such Governmental Authority.

(u) <u>Volume Discount</u>. The Lead Participants make no representation or warranty that any volume discounts or other special pricing available to such Lead Participants prior to such Closing Date under any Material Contract, Lease, Emergency Preparedness Agreement or

Other Assigned Contract will be available to the Buyer following the assignment and assumption thereof.

#### (v) <u>Qualified Decommissioning Fund</u>.

As to each Seller that has a Qualified Decommissioning Fund,

With respect to all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date (i) on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share: (A) the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller are trust(s), validly existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut with all requisite authority to conduct its affairs as it now does; (B) the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller satisfy the requirements necessary for each such Qualified Decommissioning Fund to be treated as a "Nuclear Decommissioning Reserve Fund" within the meaning of Section 468A(a) of the Code and as a "nuclear decommissioning fund" and a "qualified nuclear decommissioning fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-1(b)(3); (C) each such Qualified Decommissioning Fund is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the NRC, the DPUC and the IRS), and the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller have not engaged in any acts of "self-dealing" as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5(b)(2); (D) no "excess contribution," as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5(c)(2)(ii), has been made to any Oualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller which has not been withdrawn within the period provided under Treas. Reg. 1.468A-5(c)(2)(i); and (E) such Seller has made timely and valid elections to make annual contributions to its Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) since and including such Seller's taxable year ending after July 18, 1984 (and in the case of the Qualified Decommissioning Fund maintained for Millstone Unit 3, since and including such Seller's taxable year ending after April, 1986) and has heretofore delivered copies of such elections to the Buyer. Such Seller has heretofore delivered to the Buyer a copy of its Decommissioning Trust Agreement(s) as in effect on the Effective Date. Such Seller agrees not to amend its Decommissioning Trust Agreement(s) between the Effective Date and the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share without the Buyer's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(ii) Subject only to Seller Regulatory Approvals, such Seller and the Trustee(s) have or shall have prior to the Initial Closing Date or Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, all requisite right, power and authority to cause the assets of each Qualified Decommissioning Fund to be transferred to the Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(iii) With respect to all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, (A) such Seller and/or the Trustee(s) of the Qualified Decommissioning Funds has/have filed or caused to be filed with the NRC, the IRS and all other applicable Governmental Authorities all material forms, statements, reports, documents (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto) required to be filed by such entities; and (B) there are no interim rate orders that may be retroactively adjusted or retroactive adjustments to interim rate orders that may affect amounts to be contributed by the Buyer to the Qualified Decommissioning Funds or to be transferred from such Seller's Qualified Decommissioning Funds to the Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund. Such Seller has delivered to the Buyer a copy of the schedules of ruling amounts (the "IRS Ruling Amounts") most recently issued by the IRS for each of the Qualified Decommissioning Funds, a copy of the requests that were filed to obtain such IRS Ruling Amounts and a copy of any pending request for revised IRS Ruling Amounts, in each case together with all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto. Any excess amounts contributed to the Qualified Decommissioning Funds while such request(s) is/are pending before the IRS which exceed the applicable amounts provided in the IRS Ruling Amounts issued by the IRS will be withdrawn by the applicable Seller from the Qualified Decommissioning Funds within the period provided under Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5(c)(2)(i).

Such Seller has made available to the Buyer a statement of assets (iv) and liabilities verified by the Trustee(s) for its Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) as of June 30, 2000, and such statement of assets or liabilities will be updated by such Trustee as of the second Business Day before such Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, which statement of assets and liabilities presents fairly as of June 30, 2000, and which updated statement will fairly present as of the last Business Day prior to such Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, the financial position of each Qualified Decommissioning Fund. Each Seller will make available to the Buyer information from which the Buyer can determine the Tax Basis of all assets in such Seller's Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) as of the second Business Day prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share. There are no Liabilities (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether due or to become due), including, but not limited to, any acts of "self-dealing" as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5(b)(2) or agency or other legal proceedings that may materially affect the financial position of the Qualified Decommissioning Funds other than those, if any, that are disclosed on Schedule 3.2(y).

(v) Such Seller has made available to the Buyer copies of all contracts and agreements to which the Trustee(s) of the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s), in its capacity as such, is a party.

(vi) With respect to all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Shares, such Seller's Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) have filed all Tax Returns required to be filed and all material Taxes shown to be due on such Tax Returns have been paid in full. Except as shown in Schedule 3.2(v), no notice of deficiency or assessment has been received from any taxing authority with respect to liability for Taxes of any such Seller's Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) which have not been fully paid or finally settled, and any such deficiency shown in such Schedule 3.2(v) is being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.2(v), there are no outstanding agreements or waivers extending the applicable statutory periods of limitations for Taxes associated with the Qualified Decommissioning Funds for any period and none of the Qualified Decommissioning Funds currently is the beneficiary of any extension of time within which to file any Tax Returns. All such Tax Returns are true, complete and accurate. All Taxes owed by or with respect to such Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) with respect to periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share have been paid in full (regardless of whether such Taxes are shown to be due on the Tax Returns filed by such Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s))

(vii) To the extent such Seller has pooled the assets of the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) with those of any other assets for investment purposes in periods prior to Closing, such pooling arrangement is not taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes and all Tax Returns required to be filed with respect to such pooling arrangement have been filed.

#### (w) Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds.

(i) With respect to all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which a Seller transfers its Ownership Share, the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller are trust(s) validly existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut with all requisite authority to conduct their affairs as they now do. The Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) of such Seller are (i) in compliance in all material respects with applicable Laws of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the NRC, the DPUC and the IRS) and (ii) considered grantor trusts under Sections 671 through 677 of the Code and such Seller is the grantor of such trusts. Such Seller has delivered to Buyer a copy of its Decommissioning Trust Agreement as in effect on the Effective Date. Such Seller agrees not to amend its Decommissioning Trust Agreement(s) between the Effective Date and the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share without the Buyer's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(ii) Subject only to Seller Regulatory Approvals, such Seller and the Trustee(s) have or shall have prior to the Initial Closing Date or Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, all requisite right, power and authority to cause the assets of each Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund to be transferred to the Buyer's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(iii) With respect to all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, such Seller and the Trustee of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) have filed or caused to be filed with the NRC, the IRS and all other applicable Governmental Authorities all material forms, statements, reports, documents (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto) required to be filed by any of them.

Each Seller has made available to the Buyer a statement of assets (iv) and liabilities verified by the Trustee(s) for its Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) as of June 30, 2000, and such statement of assets and liabilities will be updated by such Trustee as of the last Business Day before the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, which statement of assets and liabilities presents fairly as of June 30, 2000, and which updated statement will fairly present as of the last Business Day before the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, the financial position of each Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund. Each Seller will make available to the Buyer information from which the Buyer can determine the Tax Basis of all assets in such Seller's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) as of the second Business Day prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share. There are no Liabilities (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether due or to become due) including, but not limited to, agency, administrative or other legal proceedings, that may materially affect the financial position of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) other than those, if any, that are disclosed on <u>Schedule 3.2(w)</u>.

(v) Each Seller has made available to the Buyer all contracts and agreements to which the Trustee of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds, in its capacity as such, is a party.

(vi) To the extent any Seller has pooled the assets of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds with any other assets for investment purposes in periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share, such pooling arrangement is not taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes and all Tax Returns required to be filed with respect to such pooling arrangement have been filed.

(x) <u>Undisclosed Liabilities</u>. Except as otherwise disclosed in this Agreement, the Acquired Assets are not subject to any material Liability or obligation (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether due or to become due) that has not been accrued or reserved against in each Seller's financial statements as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter for which such statements are available or disclosed in the notes thereto in accordance with GAAP.

(y) <u>Authority of the Lead Participants</u>. The Lead Participants have been authorized to act as the agent on behalf of the Sellers pursuant to the terms of the Authorization Agreements or otherwise and to enter into such agreements and covenants set forth herein.

3.3. Disclaimers Regarding Acquired Assets. EXCEPT FOR ANY REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT. THE RELATED AGREEMENTS OR ANY CERTIFICATES, EXHIBITS OR SCHEDULES HERETO AND THERETO, (A) THE ACQUIRED ASSETS ARE SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS AND WITH ALL FAULTS," AND (B) THE SELLERS SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, USAGE, SUITABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUIRED ASSETS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, OR AS TO THE WORKMANSHIP THEREOF, OR THE ABSENCE OF ANY DEFECTS THEREIN. WHETHER LATENT OR PATENT. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY RELATED AGREEMENT, THE SELLERS EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ANY REPRE-SENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND REGARDING THE SUITABILITY OF THE FACILITIES FOR OPERATION AS POWER PLANTS. NO OTHER MATERIAL OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OR COMMUNICATIONS MADE BY THE SELLERS OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE, OR BY ANY BROKER OR INVESTMENT BANKER, INCLUD-ING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY INFORMATION OR MATERIAL CONTAINED IN ANY OFFERING MEMORANDUM OR REQUEST FOR BIDS AND ANY ORAL, WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC RESPONSE TO ANY INFORMATION REQUEST PROVIDED TO THE BUYER, WILL CAUSE OR CREATE ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE TITLE, CONDITION, VALUE OR QUALITY OF THE ACQUIRED ASSETS OR ANY PART THEREOF

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND ARE INTENDED TO BE A COMPLETE EXCLUSION AND NEGATION OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, OTHER THAN THOSE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE RELATED AGREEMENTS OR ANY CERTIFICATE, EXHIBITS OR SCHEDULES HERETO AND THERETO THAT MAY ARISE PURSUANT TO ANY LAW NOW OR HEREAFTER IN EFFECT, OR OTHERWISE. The disclaimers contained in this section are "conspicuous" disclaimers. Any covenants implied by law or by the use of the words "contribute," "grant," "convey," "assign," "transfer," or "deliver," or any other words used in this Agreement are hereby expressly disclaimed, waived and negated.

4. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Buyer</u>. The Buyer represents and warrants to the Sellers as of the Effective Date and each Closing Date as follows:

4.1. <u>Organization of the Buyer</u>. The Buyer is a corporation, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization. Copies of the certificate of incorporation and by-laws of the Buyer, as amended to date, have been heretofore delivered to the Sellers and are accurate and complete. The Buyer is, or on the Initial Closing Date will be, qualified to conduct business in the State of Connecticut.

Authority, Execution and Enforceability of Transactions. The Buyer has the 4.2 power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Related Agreements and, subject to receipt of all Buyer Regulatory Approvals, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder. All actions or proceedings to be taken by or on the part of the Buyer to authorize and permit the due execution and valid delivery by the Buyer of this Agreement, the Related Agreements and the instruments required to be duly executed and validly delivered by Buyer pursuant hereto and thereto, the performance by the Buyer of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and the consummation by the Buyer of the transactions contemplated herein and therein, have been duly and properly taken. This Agreement has been duly executed and validly delivered by the Buyer, and assuming due execution and delivery by the Sellers and receipt of all Buyer Regulatory Approvals, constitutes the valid and legally binding obligation of the Buyer, enforceable in accordance with its terms and conditions, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is sought in equity or at law). When each Related Agreement has been executed and delivered by the Buyer and the Sellers and each other party thereto, such Related Agreement will constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of the Buyer, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is sought in equity or at law). The Buyer acknowledges receipt and sufficiency of consideration in regard to this Agreement and each of the Related Agreements.

4.3. <u>Noncontravention</u>. Subject to the Buyer obtaining its Buyer Regulatory Approvals, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or any of the Related Agreements, or any other instrument, document or agreement required hereby to be executed and delivered by the Buyer at or prior to any Closing nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will (a) violate or breach any Law to which the Buyer is subject or any provision of its organizational documents or (b) conflict with, result in a breach or forfeiture of, constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of, create in any party the right to accelerate, terminate, modify, revoke, suspend or cancel, or require any notice under any agreement, contract, lease, Permit, license, instrument or other arrangement to which Buyer is bound or to which any of its assets is subject, except for matters that could not reasonably be expected to constitute a material adverse effect on Buyer or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements or that are disclosed on <u>Schedule 4.3</u>.

4.4. <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. Except for Buyer Regulatory Approvals, no declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, or authorization, consent or approval of any Governmental

Authority is necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Related Agreements by the Buyer, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby by the Buyer.

4.5. <u>Brokers' Fees</u>. The Buyer has no Liability or obligation to pay any fees or commissions to any broker, finder or agent with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for which the Sellers could become liable or obligated.

4.6. *Litigation.* There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to the Buyer's Knowledge, threatened before any court or Governmental Authority which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Buyer or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements or that question the validity of this Agreement or the Related Agreements or of any action taken or to be taken pursuant to or in connection with the provisions of this Agreement or the Related Agreements and which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Buyer or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements. The Buyer is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, citation, fine, penalty, writ, injunction or decree of any court or Governmental Authority which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Buyer or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements, and the Buyer has not received any written notification that it is in violation of any Laws or Permits with respect to its assets, except for notifications which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Buyer or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Related Agreements. A petition filed or pending under 10 C.F.R. Section 2.206 or Section 2.802, or any claim for review of any action thereon, shall not be considered to be within the scope of this representation.

4.7. <u>Qualified Buyer</u>. The Buyer is qualified or will be qualified as of the Initial Closing Date, to obtain any Permits necessary for the Buyer to own and operate the Acquired Assets as of the Initial Closing Date, to the extent such operation is either required by any Related Agreement or this Agreement, or is contemplated by the Buyer.

4.8. <u>WARN Act</u>. The Buyer does not intend with respect to the Acquired Assets or Acquired Assets Employees to engage in a "plant closing" or "mass layoff," as such terms are defined in the WARN Act, within sixty (60) days after the Initial Closing Date.

4.9. <u>No Implied Warranties</u>. THE BUYER IS NOT RELYING ON ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY MADE BY ANY SELLER OR ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY BROKER OR INVESTMENT BANKER, EXCEPT FOR REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, IN THE RELATED AGREEMENTS, IN CERTIFICATES, EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES HERETO AND THERETO AND IN THE INSTRUMENTS OF TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE (SUBJECT TO THE DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES SET FORTH HEREIN OR THEREIN).

4.10. <u>Absence of Certain Events</u>. Since December 31, 1999, to the Buyer's Knowledge, there has not been any event which may reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Buyer's ability to perform this Agreement or any Related Agreement.

## 5. Covenants. The Parties agree as follows:

5.1. <u>General</u>. Without limiting the rights of any Party to exercise its rights hereunder, each of the Parties will use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to take all actions and to do all things necessary, proper or advisable in order to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements pursuant to this Agreement prior to a date which is eight (8) months from the Effective Date (including satisfaction of the Closing Date conditions set forth in Section 6).

### 5.2. Notices, Consents and Approvals.

(a) <u>Hart-Scott-Rodino</u>. Each of the Sellers and the Buyer shall file or cause to be filed with the Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice any notifications required to be filed under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and in the Related Agreements. The Parties shall cooperate with each other and use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to make such filings as promptly as possible after the Effective Date, and to respond promptly to any requests for additional information made by either of such agencies. The Buyer will pay all filing fees under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, but each Party will bear its own costs for the preparation of any filing. The Parties shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to cause any waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements to expire or terminate at the earliest possible time.

#### (b) Consents and Approvals.

(i) Each of the Parties shall cooperate and use Commercially Reasonable Efforts with respect to their respective obligations to (A) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (B) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, (C) obtain the transfer, issuance or reissuance to the Buyer of all necessary Permits, (D) facilitate the substitution of the Buyer for the Sellers where appropriate on pending Permits and (E) obtain all necessary consents, waivers, approvals and authorizations of all other parties necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or in any of the Related Agreements (including, without limitation, Seller Regulatory Approvals and Buyer Regulatory Approvals) or approvals required by the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, Permit, concession, contract, lease, warranty or other instrument to which any Seller or Buyer is a party or by which any of them is bound. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Lead Participants shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain from the non-selling co-owners of Unit 3 (i) a waiver of any rights of first refusal such co-owners may possess, or (ii) a written acknowledgment or opinion of counsel, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Buyer, that no such rights of first refusal exist or apply to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(ii) The Buyer and the Lead Participants shall have the right to review and comment in advance on all filings relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any of the Related Agreements made by any Party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. The Parties shall in good faith consider such comments before making any such filings.

The Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other (iii) Sellers, shall use all Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain all necessary consents for assignment of Material Contracts, Permits, Leases, and Emergency Preparedness Agreements. The Buyer shall cooperate with the Lead Participants and use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to facilitate the obtaining of such consents. To the extent any Material Contract relates to assets or services which are both related to the operation of the Facilities and used by any Seller in its other operations, the Parties shall cooperate and use Commercially Reasonable Efforts in the obtaining of such partial assignment, apportionment or other arrangement as may be necessary and practicable to permit the Buyer to obtain such portion of the assets or services necessary for continued operation of the Facilities after the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, and to permit such Seller to retain such other rights or portion of the assets or services to continue its other operations after such Closing Date, it being understood that such portion of the Material Contracts as may relate to the Buyer's continued operation of the Facilities after the Initial Closing Date must be assigned to or otherwise obtained by the Buyer as of the Initial Closing Date pursuant to Section 2.11(a)(ix); provided, that (A) any cost of obtaining any such partial assignment, apportionment or other arrangement shall be for such Seller's account, and (B) any subsequent cost resulting from any such partial assignment, apportionment or other arrangement shall be for the Buyer's account but any such cost or expense may be considered in determining whether there exists a Material Adverse Effect, and in no instance shall any Seller commit to any arrangements affecting the Buyer without the Buyer's consent, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(iv) The Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall use their Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain the necessary consents to assignment of the Other Assigned Contracts, including the forwarding of notices of assignment or termination to vendors or invoking the right to terminate Other Assigned Contracts, in each case, in cooperation with the Buyer. Pursuant to an agreed protocol and form letters to be sent by Lead Participants or NNECO to all parties to Other Assigned Contracts, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall take all steps reasonably necessary in obtaining necessary consents to assignment, including the forwarding of notices of assignment or termination to vendors or invoking the right to terminate Other Assigned Contracts for the Sellers' convenience in cooperation with the Buyer. The Buyer shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to assist the Sellers in obtaining all such consents to assignment.

(v) The Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, agree that if any consent to an assignment of any Material Contract shall not be obtained or if any attempted assignment would in the Lead Participants' reasonable opinion be ineffective or would impair any material rights and obligations of the Buyer under such Material Contract, so that the Buyer would not in effect acquire the benefit of all such rights and obligations, the Lead Participants, to the maximum extent permitted by law and such Material Contract, shall enter into such other reasonable arrangements with the Buyer as are necessary to provide the Buyer with the benefits and obligations of such Material Contract, including enforcement for the benefit of the Buyer of any and all rights of the Sellers against the other contract party arising out of the default or cancellation by such contract party or otherwise. The Lead Participants and the Buyer shall cooperate and shall each use Commercially Reasonable Efforts after the Initial Closing Date to obtain an assignment of each such Material Contract to the Buyer.

(vi) The Sellers and the Buyer shall cooperate with each other and promptly prepare and file notifications with, and request tax clearances from state and local taxing authorities in jurisdictions in which a portion of the Facilities Purchase Price or the Fuel Purchase Price may be required to be withheld or in which Buyer would otherwise be liable for any Tax Liabilities of the Sellers pursuant to state or local Tax Laws.

#### (c) Nuclear Regulatory Commission Approval.

(i) <u>Application</u>. As promptly after the Effective Date as may be feasible, the Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall jointly prepare and file with the NRC an Application. Thereafter, the Buyer and Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall cooperate with one another to facilitate review of the Application by the NRC Staff, including but not limited to the prompt provision to the NRC Staff of any and all documents or information that the NRC Staff may reasonably request or require any of the Parties to provide or generate.

(ii) <u>Prosecution of Application</u>. The Application shall identify the Buyer and the Sellers collectively as separate parties to the Application. In the processing of such Application the Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall separately appear therein by their own counsel (or common counsel if mutually agreed), and shall continue to cooperate with each other to facilitate a favorable result.

(iii) <u>Costs of Application and Prosecution</u>. The Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, will each bear their own costs of the preparation, submission and processing of the Application, including any Contested Proceeding that may occur in respect thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Buyer shall bear the costs of all NRC Staff fees payable in connection with the Application. In the event that the Parties agree upon the use of common counsel, they shall share equally the fees and expenses of such counsel and those of any consultants or experts that may jointly be retained in connection with the prosecution of the Application.

## 5.3. Operation of Business During Interim Period.

(a)(I) During the Interim Period, the Lead Participants and NNECO will operate and maintain the Acquired Assets in the ordinary course consistent with Good Utility Practices, unless otherwise contemplated by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of the Buyer. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sellers shall not, without the prior written consent of the Buyer, during the Interim Period, with respect to the Acquired Assets:

(i) sell, lease (as lessor), transfer or otherwise dispose of, any of the Acquired Assets, other than as used, consumed or replaced in the ordinary course of business consistent with Good Utility Practices, or encumber, pledge, mortgage or suffer to be imposed on any of the Acquired Assets any encumbrance other than Permitted Encumbrances which are not material, and other than such additional financing under the Mortgage Indentures as shall not prevent the Sellers from obtaining a Mortgage Indenture release with respect to the Acquired Assets;

(ii) make any material change in the operations of the Acquired Assets (including, without limitation, the levels of Inventories customarily maintained by the Sellers with respect to the Acquired Assets), except for such changes that are consistent with Good Utility Practices;

(iii) enter into, amend, make any waivers under, or otherwise modify any real or personal property Tax agreement, treaty or settlement or make any new, or change any current, election with respect to Taxes affecting the Acquired Assets; (iv) enter into any commitment for the purchase or sale of Nuclear Fuel without the consent of the Buyer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld;

(v) terminate, make any waiver under, extend or amend any of the Material Contracts, Emergency Preparedness Agreements, Leases, Other Assigned Contracts or the Transferable Permits, except for such terminations, extension or amendments as are in the ordinary course of business and consistent with Good Utility Practices;

(vi) enter into for itself or through its agents any contract or commitment which individually exceeds \$500,000 or in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000,000, unless each such contract or commitment is (A) to be fully performed prior to the Initial Closing Date or (B) can be assigned to the Buyer and terminated by the Buyer at its option at any time following the Initial Closing Date without penalty or cancellation charge;

(vii) knowingly engage in any practice, take any action, fail to take any action, or enter into any transaction that will result or could reasonably be expected to result in any misrepresentation or breach of warranty under Section 3 as of a Closing Date;

(viii) fail to take reasonably appropriate steps to pursue currently pending regulatory approvals relating to the Facilities;

(ix) amend in any material respect or cancel any property, liability or casualty insurance policies related thereto, or fail to maintain by self insurance, or with financially responsible insurance companies, insurance in such amounts and against such risks and losses as are customary for such assets and businesses;

(x) change, in any material respect, its accounting methods or accounting methods or practices, credit practices or collection policies;

(xi) enter into or adopt any new agreement, plan, arrangement or practice or amend any existing agreement, plan, arrangement or practice relating to Plant Employees (other than the existing program for retirement eligibility for Plant Employees whose age are between 50 and 54 can be extended beyond December 31, 2000 at the sole discretion of the Lead Participants), including that the Sellers will permit the Buyer and the Buyer's Representatives to have input in any collective bargaining agreement negotiations during the Interim Period; or (xii) fail to take any actions required to be taken in order to insure that the Acquired Assets are being owned, operated and maintained in all material respects in a manner that is in compliance with Good Utility Practice and all applicable Laws or Permits.

(II) During the Interim Period, the Lead Participants and NNECO shall, unless mutually agreed to the contrary, between the Lead Participants and the Buyer, with respect to the Acquired Assets:

(i) use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to: (A) preserve intact the present legal entity and reputation of the business of the Facilities, and (B) maintain the Acquired Assets in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted;

(ii) except to the extent required by applicable Law, (A) cause the books and records of the business to be maintained in the usual, regular and ordinary manner, and (B) not permit any material change in any pricing, investment, accounting, financial reporting, inventory, credit, allowance or Tax practice or policy of Sellers that would materially and adversely affect the business, the Facilities, the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities;

(iii) use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to maintain in full force and effect until the Initial Closing substantially the same levels of insurance coverage as afforded prior to the Initial Closing Date;

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 5.3(a) to the contrary, the Lead Participants or NNECO may, in its sole discretion, make or incur an obligation to the extent relating to the Pre-Approved Capital Expenditures or Required Nuclear Expenditures and any repairs or modifications to the Facilities reasonably required in accordance with Good Utility Practices. During the Interim Period, the Lead Participants and/or NNECO shall consult with the Buyer prior to making (A) any Required Nuclear Expenditures which are expected to be in excess of \$1,000,000 or (B) any NRC Commitments which (i) cannot be completed prior to the Initial Closing Date and (ii) are expected to be in excess of \$1,000,000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Lead Participants or NNECO shall retain exclusive control over all aspects of the operation, maintenance, refueling, shutdown or other matters relating to the Facilities during the Interim Period, all in accordance with Good Utility Practices.

(b) During the Interim Period, in the interest of facilitating an orderly transition of the management of the Acquired Assets and the Transfer of Licenses and permitting informed action by the Buyer regarding its rights under Section 5.3(a), the Parties shall, as promptly as is practicable after the Effective Date, establish a committee comprised of four persons, two to be designated by the Lead Participants and two to be designated by the Buyer, and such additional

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persons as may be appointed by the persons originally appointed to such committee (the "Transition Committee"). From time to time, the Transition Committee shall report to the senior management of the Lead Participants and the Buyer. The Transition Committee shall have no authority to bind or make agreements on behalf of the Sellers or the Buyer or to issue instructions to or direct or exercise authority over the Sellers or the Buyer or any of their respective officers, employees, advisors or agents or to waive or modify any provision thereof. The Buyer in its sole discretion may send its management personnel to the Facilities at the Buyer's expense to continue the Buyer's transition efforts with respect to the Acquired Assets. The Lead Participants shall provide the Buyer, at no cost to the Buyer, interim furnished office space, utilities and HVAC at the Facilities reasonably necessary to allow the Buyer and its representatives to conduct their transition efforts during the Interim Period; provided that the Buyer shall be responsible for all other costs relating thereto, including telecommunications expenses, the cost of workers' compensation and employer's liability coverage, which will be maintained by the Buyer for its employees. The Buyer anticipates approximately eight of its employees or representatives will be present at such interim office space at any one time.

(c) The Buyer may from time to time request that the Lead Participants take certain actions to improve or enhance the operation and maintenance of the Acquired Assets during the Interim Period (the "*Proposed Improvements*"). To the extent such Proposed Improvements (i) will not interfere with safety or reliability in the operation and maintenance of the Facilities or the Acquired Assets, (ii) are not inconsistent with the Business Plan, (iii) do not violate Good Utility Practices, applicable Laws or other obligations of the Lead Participants under NEPOOL or ISO-NE, the Lead Participants shall reasonably consider such Proposed Improvements and take such action to implement such Proposed Improvements as they deem appropriate in their sole discretion. In the event the Lead Participants shall determine that the costs for such Proposed Improvements shall exceed the Pre-Approved Capital Expenditures or are otherwise excessive under Good Utility Practices, then the Lead Participants shall so inform the Buyer in writing and the Buyer may submit the request for such Proposed Improvements to dispute resolution pursuant to Section 12.1.

(d) During the Interim Period, the Lead Participants shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to assist the Buyer with its efforts to plan for and implement the transition of ownership and operation of the Acquired Assets from the Sellers to the Buyer.

(e) In the event the Buyer or the Lead Participants believe that either Party has breached any of its obligations under this Section 5.3, the Buyer or the Lead Participants shall submit such dispute to dispute resolution pursuant to Section 12.1.

5.4. <u>Access and Investigations During Interim Period</u>. During the Interim Period, the Sellers will permit a reasonable number of designated officers, employees, consultants, representatives or agents of the Buyer (the "Buyer's Representatives") including, without limitation, the Buyer's Representatives in the Transition Committee, to have access, pursuant to

the procedures set forth in Section 5.4(b), to observe and inspect all premises, properties, management, personnel, books, records (including tax records), and other information, including, without limitation, all information reasonably necessary to enable the Buyer and the Buyer's Representatives to conduct environmental inspection, assessment and testing of the Sites and the Facilities, to verify the Sellers' representations and warranties as set forth herein, to confirm that the Sellers have complied with the covenants set forth herein, to obtain any other information or documents associated with or pertaining to the Acquired Assets and to plan for and facilitate an orderly transition of ownership and operation of the Acquired Asset from the Sellers to the Buyer. All access and inspections by the Buyer are subject to the following provisions:

(a) <u>Costs</u>. All costs of such investigations and observations, including but not limited to the compensation paid to the Buyer's Representatives and their expenses, and other discrete incremental costs reasonably incurred by the Sellers in connection with such investigation and observation, shall be borne by the Buyer.

### (b) *Physical Access (Escorted and Unescorted)*.

(i) The Buyer shall, with respect to each Person designated by the Buyer to have escorted access to the Facility, provide the following information for each such Person to the Divestiture Site Manager for the Facility (or his designee) no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the proposed time of access by such Person: name, date of birth, social security number, and the name of each nuclear power plant at which such Person has a current badge for unescorted access. The Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, reserve the right where necessary to limit the number of Persons to whom escorted access is provided at any one time on account of reasonable logistical considerations.

(ii) Subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, the Buyer shall, with respect to each Person designated by the Buyer to have unescorted access to any Facility, provide reasonable notice to the Divestiture Site Manager for such Facility (or his designee), so as not to interfere with the normal business operations of such Facility, and such Person shall comply with all existing requirements of such Facility and NRC for unescorted access, including, but not limited to, background investigation, training requirements, fitness-for-duty requirements, a psychological assessment and behavioral observation.

(iii) In the event that the Buyer shall have a fitness-for-duty program meeting the requirements of 10 C.F.R., Part 26, the Buyer may request that any Person be subject to such program in lieu of the fitness-for-duty program of NNECO, in which event the provisions of 10 C.F.R. Section 26.23 shall be applicable to such Person designated by the Buyer to have unescorted access to the Facility. The Buyer shall reimburse NNECO

for the reasonable cost of reviewing and auditing the Buyer's fitness-for-duty program, as required by 10 C.F.R. Section 26.23.

(iv) Irrespective of whether a Person has qualified for escorted or unescorted access, pursuant to this Section 5.4(b), NNECO shall have the right to withhold access to any area of the Facilities that would reveal "Safeguards Information," "Classified National Security Information" or "Restricted Data," as defined in 10 C.F.R. Part 73, to any Person to whom such information is not to be made available under Section 5.4(c).

#### (c) Access to Records and Information.

(i) Under no circumstances shall any Seller be required to provide access to any documents or information constituting or containing "Classified National Security Information" or "Restricted Data", as defined in 10 C.F.R. Part 73, and the Lead Participants shall advise the Buyer promptly after the Effective Date whether any such documents or information exists at the Sites and negotiate with the Buyer a protocol for either their removal from the Sites (if not reasonably necessary for the operation of the Facilities) or their turnover to the Buyer at the Initial Closing Date. The Sellers shall not be required to provide access to any documents or information constituting or containing "Safeguards Information", as defined in 10 C.F.R. Part 73, except to any Person designated by the Buyer to have access to such information in accordance with the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 73.21(c).

(ii) Except as provided in clause (i) above, the Buyer shall have the right to receive copies of all documentary information and records associated with the Acquired Assets subject to the provisions of Section 7.

(d) <u>Limitations</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 5.4, each Seller shall: (i) in the absence of employee consent, only furnish or provide such access to confidential personnel records and medical records as is allowed by applicable Laws, (ii) not provide any information that such Seller or such Seller's counsel reasonably believes constitutes or could reasonably be deemed to constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege, and (iii) not be required to supply the Buyer with any information that such Seller is under a legal obligation not to supply; <u>provided</u> that the Sellers shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain the consent to disclose all material information otherwise described under this Section 5.4.

(e) <u>Contact with Seller-Related Persons</u>. Prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall not contact any vendors, suppliers, contractors, customers or employees of the Sellers regarding the Facilities, the Acquired Assets or the transactions contemplated in this Agreement and the Related Agreements without prior consent of the relevant Seller, which shall not be

unreasonably withheld or delayed, and any such permitted contacts shall be conducted in a manner which will not materially adversely interfere with the operations or business relationships of the relevant Seller with such Persons. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Buyer may, after consultation with the Lead Participants, make any contacts with Persons expressly contemplated by this Agreement, including, without limitation, contacts with vendors, suppliers and contractors for the purpose of obtaining assignments and partial assignments of contracts, and contacts with organized labor, employee representatives or employees for the purposes set forth in section 5.7.

## 5.5. Certain Notices.

(a) Each Remaining Seller shall notify the Buyer of the existence of any matter, which if in existence on the Effective Date, the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date would or might cause any of the representations or warranties in Section 3.1 to be materially untrue or incorrect, and the Lead Participants shall notify the Buyer of the existence of any matter, which if in existence on the Effective Date or the Initial Closing Date would or might cause any of the representations or warranties in Section 3.1 or be materially untrue or incorrect. Unless the Buyer terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 10.1(c)(vii), the written notice pursuant to this Section 5.5(a) shall be set forth on an amended Schedule or Schedules acceptable to the Parties which shall be deemed to replace the original Schedule or Schedules as of the Effective Date and such Closing Date, to have qualified the representations and warranties contained in Section 3 as of the Effective Date and such Closing Date and such Closing Date, and to have cured any misrepresentation or breach of warranty that otherwise might have existed hereunder by reason of the existence of such matter.

(b) The Buyer shall notify the Lead Participants of the existence of any matter, which if in existence on the Effective Date, the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date would or might cause any of the representations or warranties in Section 4 to be untrue or incorrect. Unless the Lead Participants terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 10.1(d)(vi) or 10.1(e)(vi) by reason of such notice, the written notice pursuant to this Section 5.5(b) shall be deemed to replace the original Schedule or Schedules as of the Effective Date and such Closing Date, to have qualified the representations and warranties contained in Section 4 as of the Effective Date and such Closing Date, and to have cured any misrepresentation or breach of warranty that otherwise might have existed hereunder by reason of the existence of such matter.

(c) The Buyer shall notify the Lead Participants if any information comes to its attention which would or might cause any of the representations or warranties of the Sellers in Section 3 above to be materially untrue or incorrect.

(d) Each of the Lead Participants shall notify the Buyer if any information comes to its attention which would or might cause any of the representations and warranties of the Buyer in Section 4 above to be materially untrue or incorrect.

#### 5.6. Further Assurances.

(a) On and after the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, without further payment, at the request of a Closing Party, the other Closing Party will execute and deliver such additional instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment and confirmation and take such additional action as is necessary to transfer, convey and assign to the Buyer and for the Buyer to assume and accept, in each case in accordance with the terms hereof, the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets and Assumed Liabilities or to put the Buyer in actual possession and operating control of the Acquired Assets and or to cause the Sellers to be released from the Relevant Percentages of the Assumed Liabilities.

(b) To the extent that, after the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, it is determined that any asset that is an Acquired Asset shall not have been conveyed to the Buyer on such Closing Date, the Lead Participants shall, subject to Section 5.6(c), use their best efforts to have conveyed the Relevant Percentage of the Sellers' right, title and interest in such asset to the Buyer as promptly as is practicable after the Initial Closing Date or such Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be. In the event that any Seller Reserved Easement shall not have been retained by CL&P on the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall use its best efforts to grant such Seller Reserved Easement to CL&P as promptly as is practicable after such Closing Date. In the event that any other access, transmission, distribution or communication easements necessary or useful to CL&P in connection with the operation or maintenance of the T&D Assets, including, without limitation, the transmission or distribution of power, shall not have been retained by CL&P on the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall use its best efforts to grant such assets to CL&P as promptly as practicable after such Closing Date.

(c) To the extent the rights of any Seller under any contract or Permit included as an Acquired Asset other than a Material Contract, Transferable Permit, Emergency Preparedness Agreement or Lease, may not be assigned without the consent of another Person which consent has not been obtained on or prior to the Initial Closing Date, this Agreement shall not constitute an agreement to assign same if an attempted assignment would constitute a breach thereof or be unlawful. The Sellers and the Buyer agree that if any consent to an assignment shall not be obtained, or if any attempted assignment would be ineffective or would impair the Buyer's rights and obligations under the applicable contract, so that the Buyer would not in effect acquire the benefit of all such rights and obligations, (i) the Lead Participants, to the maximum extent permitted by Law and such contract, shall appoint the Buyer to be the Sellers' agent with respect to such contract or Permit for the purpose of obtaining an assignment thereof to the Buyer, following which the Buyer shall use its best efforts to obtain such assignment, and (ii) the Lead Participants shall, to the maximum extent permitted by Law and such contract or Permit, enter into such reasonable agreements with the Buyer as are necessary to permit the Buyer to obtain the benefits and obligations of such contract or Permit; provided, that the exercise by the Buyer and the Lead Participants of the terms of this Section 5.6(c) shall in no event constitute a waiver of the condition to Closing set forth in Section 6.1(g) with respect to the delivery of the consents, waivers and approvals described in Section 2.11(a)(ix). The Lead Participants and the Buyer shall

cooperate and shall each use their Commercially Reasonable Efforts after the Initial Closing Date to obtain an assignment of such contracts to the Buyer including the Buyer's express written agreement to assume and perform such Seller's obligations thereunder from and after Closing.

(d) To the extent that during the Interim Period or after the Initial Closing Date the Parties shall identify any additional assets of the Sellers or portions thereof (including, without limitation, software or other Intellectual Property) which are (i) related to the operation of any Facility, (ii) reasonably necessary for the Buyer's operation of the Facilities, and (iii) omitted from <u>Schedule 2.1(u)</u> (other than by agreement of the Parties), the Parties shall amend <u>Schedule 2.1(u)</u> to include such assets. The Lead Participants shall use their best efforts to convey such additional assets to the Buyer or facilitate the acquisition thereof from a Third Party; <u>provided</u>, that any cost or increased cost of obtaining such assets or rights from a Third Party (x) arising on or prior to the Initial Closing Date shall be for the Sellers' account and (y) arising after the Initial Closing Date shall be for the Buyer's account, in each case it being understood that such increased cost may be considered in determining whether there exists any Material Adverse Effect.

(e) To the extent that the rights of any Seller under any warranty or guaranty described in Section 2.1(c) (except for warranties in Material Contracts and Leases) may not be assigned without the consent of another Person, which consent has not been obtained by the Initial Closing Date, this Agreement shall not constitute an agreement to assign the same, if an attempted assignment would constitute a breach thereof or be unlawful. The Sellers and the Buyer agree that if any consent to an assignment of any such warranty or guaranty would be ineffective or would impair the Buyer's rights and obligations under the warranty or guaranty in question, so that the Buyer would not in effect acquire the benefit of all such rights and obligations, the Lead Participants, to the extent permitted by Law and such warranty and guaranty, shall appoint the Buyer to be the Sellers' agent for the purpose of enforcing such warranty or guaranty so as to the maximum extent possible provide the Buyer with the benefits and obligations of such warranty or guaranty. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Lead Participants shall not be obligated to bring or file suit against any Third Party; provided that if the Lead Participants shall determine not to bring or file suit after being requested by the Buyer to do so, the Lead Participants shall, to the maximum extent permitted by Law and any applicable agreement or contract, enter into such reasonable agreements with the Buyer so that the Buyer may bring or file such suit with respect to the rights of such Seller.

### 5.7. Employee Matters.

# (a) [RESERVED]

(b) The Buyer agrees to offer employment, commencing as of 12:00 a.m. on the Initial Closing Date, for a period of at least twelve (12) months (the "Minimum Employment Period") from such date, to all employees of the Lead Participants or their Affiliates who were employed in the operation of the Acquired Assets at any time during the three-month period prior

to the Initial Closing Date, as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.7(b)(i)</u> (the "*Plant Employees*"), at levels of wages and overall compensation not lower than the lowest level of wages and overall compensation of each such Plant Employee in effect during the six-month period prior to the Effective Date. The Plant Employees who accept such offer of employment are hereinafter referred to as the "Acquired Assets Employees." The Buyer shall provide to any Acquired Assets Employee who is terminated without cause as a result of work force reduction or reorganization during the five (5) year period immediately following the Initial Closing Date out-placement assistance and tuition reimbursement consistent with that described in <u>Schedule 5.7(b)(ii)</u>.

(c) The Buyer shall establish and maintain for the Acquired Assets Employees for the Minimum Employment Period a tax qualified pension plan for the Acquired Assets Employees (the "Buyer's Plan"), which Buyer's Plan shall provide for the following:

The Buyer shall provide a level of pension benefits not lower than (i) such level of pension benefits calculated using the pension benefit formula applicable to each relevant Acquired Assets Employee under the NUSCO Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of the Effective Date. The Buyer's obligation under the Buyer's Plan will be calculated as the difference between (A) the total pension benefit of such Acquired Assets Employee as calculated as of such Acquired Assets Employee's retirement date using (1) the pension benefit formula under the Plan applicable to such Acquired Assets Employee as of the Effective Date, (2) the "final average earnings" (as defined in the Plan) as of such Acquired Assets Employee's retirement date, taking into account compensation credited under the Plan through the Initial Closing Date and earned from the Lead Participants or any of their Affiliates and the Buyer, (3) such Acquired Assets Employee's total years of service under the Plan as of the Initial Closing Date plus years of service with the Buyer as of such Acquired Asset Employee's retirement date, and (4) "covered compensation" (as defined in the Plan) as of such Acquired Assets Employee's retirement date, and (B) the pension benefit payable to such Acquired Assets Employee by the Lead Participants or any of their Affiliates at retirement determined as follows: the pension benefit payable to each Acquired Assets Employee at age 65 by the Lead Participants or any of their Affiliates shall be calculated by the Lead Participants as of the Initial Closing Date, based upon (1) the pension benefit formula under the Plan applicable to such Acquired Assets Employee as of the Initial Closing Date, (2) years of credited service of such Acquired Assets Employee under the Plan as of the Initial Closing Date, (3) the "final average earnings" (as defined in the Plan) of such Acquired Asset Employee as of the Initial Closing Date, and (4) the "covered compensation" (as defined in the Plan) as of the Initial Closing Date.

(ii) The Lead Participants shall provide each Acquired Assets Employee with a vested and non-forfeitable right to a benefit equal to his/her accrued benefit under the Plan determined as of the Initial Closing Date as described in Section 5.7(c)(i) above. (iii) Effective on the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall permit all Acquired Asset Employees whose age is 55 and older as of the Initial Closing Date to retire on or after the Initial Closing Date and within twelve (12) months of the Initial Closing Date with full pension benefits if the sum of such Acquired Assets Employee's age and years of credited service (credited under the Plan as of the Initial Closing Date plus years of service with the Buyer) equals 85 at such Acquired Assets Employee's termination date (the "Rule of 85").

(iv) If the Buyer terminates the employment of any Eligible Acquired Assets Employee within twelve (12) months of the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall provide the benefits described in <u>Schedule 5.7(c)(iv)</u> to such Eligible Acquired Assets Employee.

(d) The Buyer shall establish and maintain for the Acquired Assets Employees for the Minimum Employment Period plans and programs which shall be generally comparable to the plans and programs provided to such Acquired Assets Employees by Lead Participants or any of their Affiliates as of the Effective Date as listed on <u>Schedule 5.7(d)</u>. Further, the Buyer shall provide benefits as described in <u>Schedule 5.7(d)</u> under the "Severance Pay Plan" to any Acquired Assets Employee who is terminated without cause as a result of work force reduction or reorganization during the five (5) year period immediately following the Initial Closing Date.

(e) The Buyer shall apply the period of each Acquired Assets Employee's prior service with the Lead Participant or any of their Affiliates or any other service credited under the Lead Participants' applicable employee benefit plan toward any eligibility, vesting or other waiting period requirements under the Buyer's Employee Benefit Plans (including the Buyer's Plan). The Buyer shall waive, with respect to the Acquired Assets Employees and their spouses and dependents, if applicable, all limitations with respect to preexisting conditions, exclusions and waiting periods with respect to participation and coverage requirements under the Buyer's Employee Benefit Plans. The Buyer shall vest each Acquired Assets Employee to the extent such Acquired Assets Employee is vested under the Plans as of the Initial Closing Date.

(f) Within a reasonable time prior to the Closing Date, the Lead Participants shall provide the Buyer with such pertinent data or information as the Buyer shall reasonably require to determine each Acquired Assets Employee's service, compensation and accrued benefits under the Plan before the Initial Closing Date. To the extent the consent of an Acquired Assets Employee is required in order for the Lead Participants to deliver any such pertinent data or information or such other Acquired Assets Employee Records to the Buyer, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, agree to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to secure such consent.

(g) The Sellers shall provide and remain liable for any and all continuation of coverage under the Employee Benefit Plans of such Sellers as required under §§ 601 through 608

of ERISA and § 4980B of the Code with respect to any person as to whom a "qualifying event" as defined in § 4980B of the Code occurred on or prior to the Initial Closing Date.

(h) On or before the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants or NNECO shall cause to be terminated the employment of the Acquired Assets Employees and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all wages and compensation thereupon legally owing to or with respect to the Acquired Assets Employees including, without limitation, accrued and payable vacation pay, bonuses, severance pay, overtime, and all benefits under any Employee Benefit Plan that became payable on account of such termination of employment or any other amounts to which the Acquired Assets Employees may be entitled for services rendered prior to their termination or by virtue of their termination. The Lead Participants shall retain any and all Liability under the Employee Benefit Plans of the Sellers for retirees as of the Initial Closing Date.

(i) The Lead Participants shall timely perform and discharge all requirements under the WARN Act and under applicable state and local Laws for the notification of employees arising from the sale of the Acquired Assets to the Buyer up to and including the Initial Closing Date, including those Plant Employees who will become Acquired Assets Employees effective as of the Initial Closing Date. After the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall be responsible for performing and discharging all requirements under the WARN Act and under all applicable Laws and regulations for the notification of its employees, whether Acquired Assets Employees or otherwise. All severance and other costs associated with workforce restructuring activities associated with the Acquired Assets and/or the Acquired Assets Employees subsequent to the Initial Closing Date shall be borne solely by the Buyer.

### 5.8. <u>Cooperation after Initial Closing Date</u>.

(a) <u>Records and Support</u>. After the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall have reasonable access to and rights to copy all of the records, books and documents related to the Acquired Assets to the extent that such access may reasonably be required by the Sellers in connection with matters relating to or affected by the ownership or operation of the Facilities by the Sellers on or prior to the Initial Closing Date. Such access shall be afforded by the Buyer upon receipt of reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours. The Sellers shall be solely responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by them pursuant to this Section 5.8(a). If the Buyer desires to dispose of any records, books or documents that may relate to operation of the Facilities on or prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall, prior to such disposition, give the Lead Participants a period of ninety (90) days, at the Lead Participants' expense, to segregate and remove such records, books or documents as the Lead Participants may select; provided, that the Buyer shall not have any obligation to the Sellers to maintain any such records, books or documents relating to the operation of the Facilities on or prior (5) years following the Initial Closing Date.

(b) <u>Employees</u>. After the Initial Closing Date, the Parties shall have reasonable access to the employees of the other Parties, for purposes of consultation or otherwise, to the extent that such access may reasonably be required, in the case of the Buyer, in connection with matters relating to or affected by the operations of the Lead Participants on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or in the case of the Sellers, operations of the Buyer during the period following the Initial Closing Date and prior to the date of the last Closing. The Buyer shall cooperate with the Lead Participants after the Initial Closing Date to provide employee-related information as may be reasonably required by the Sellers for rate making purposes and to the extent allowable under Law.

(c) *Investigations and Litigation*. The Parties agree to cooperate in connection with any audit, investigation, hearing or inquiry by any Governmental Authority, litigation or regulatory or other proceeding which may arise following the Initial Closing Date and which relates to the ownership and operation of the Facilities by the Sellers or NNECO on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or ownership and operation of the Facilities by the Buyer after the Initial Closing Date, including litigation or regulatory or other proceedings relating or pertaining to the DOE's defaults under the DOE Standard Contracts. Such cooperation among the Parties shall include, but not be limited to, giving reasonable access to each other's employees for purpose of consultation or otherwise to the extent it may be reasonably required. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, each Party shall bear its own expenses, including fees of attorneys or other representatives, in connection with any such matter described in this Section 5.8(c) in which the Sellers and the Buyer or their respective Affiliates are subjects or parties or in which they have a material interest.

#### (d) Pollution Control Revenue Bonds.

(i) The Buyer acknowledges that:

(A) The facilities listed in <u>Schedule 5.8(d)</u> hereto (the "*Pollution Control Facilities*") have been financed, and refinanced, in whole or in part, with proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Pollution Control Bonds;

(B) UI, CL&P and WMECO are each the economic obligor and conduit borrower in respect of certain of the Pollution Control Bonds, as specified in Schedule 2.4(r);

(C) The interest paid or accrued on the Pollution Control Bonds, with certain exceptions, is not included in the gross income of the holders of the Pollution Control Bonds (the "*PC Bondholders*") for purposes of federal income taxation;

(D)Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the Code, the basis for the federal income tax exclusion for interest payable to the PC Bondholders is the use of the Pollution Control Facilities for certain qualified purposes which include (I) the abatement or control of air or atmospheric pollution or contamination, (II) the abatement or control of water pollution or contamination, (III) sewage disposal and/or (IV) the disposal of solid waste;

(E) The use of all or part of the Pollution Control Facilities for a purpose other than the qualifying purpose or purposes described in subclause (D) above for which the Pollution Control Bonds that financed or refinanced them were issued may cause (I) the interest payable on all or part of the Pollution Control Bonds to be includable in the federal gross income of the PC Bondholders possibly with retroactive effect, unless remedial action is taken to promptly redeem or defease the Pollution Control Bonds or a portion thereof, and/or (II) the deductibility of the interest payable by UI, CL&P or WMECO on all or part of the Pollution Control Bonds to be disallowed by Section 150(b) of the Code; and

(F) Any breach by the Buyer of its obligations under this Section 5.8(d) could result in the incurrence by UI, CL&P or WMECO of additional costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, an increase in the rate of interest required to be paid to the PC Bondholders, liability to some or all of the PC Bondholders for their failure to include interest payable on the Pollution Control Bonds in their respective federal gross income in the event of a final determination of taxability by the IRS, loss of the interest deduction to UI, CL&P or WMECO under Section 150(b) of the Code and transaction costs relating to any refinancing, redemption and/or defeasance of all or part of the Pollution Control Bonds.

(ii) In order to avoid any or all of the consequences described in clauses (E) and (F) above, the Buyer agrees that it will not use, or permit the use of, all or part of the Pollution Control Facilities for any purpose except (x) the current use of such Pollution Control Facilities or (y) as contemplated by the tax compliance documents or non-arbitrage certificates for the Pollution Control Bonds that financed or refinanced such Pollution Control Facilities (copies of which with respect to all of the Pollution Control Facilities, have been provided to the Buyer by UI, CL&P and WMECO), unless the Buyer shall have obtained at its own expense an opinion addressed to UI, CL&P and WMECO of nationally recognized bond counsel reasonably acceptable to UI, CL&P and WMECO ("Bond Counsel") that such proposed change in use of the Pollution Control Facilities or part thereof will not impair (x) the exclusion from gross income of the interest on any Pollution Control Bonds for federal income tax purposes or (y) the deductibility of the interest payable on any Pollution Control Bonds by UI, CL&P or WMECO under Section 150(b) of the Code.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section 5.8(d), it is expressly understood and agreed that the provisions of this Section 5.8(d) shall not prohibit the Buyer from ceasing to operate, maintain or repair any element or item of the

Pollution Control Facilities, suspending the operation of the Pollution Control Facilities on a temporary basis, or terminating the operation of the Pollution Control Facilities on a permanent basis and shutting down, retiring and/or decommissioning the Pollution Control Facilities; provided, however, that the Pollution Control Facilities, in whole or in part, shall not be dismantled or sold as scrap unless the Buyer has obtained at its own expense an opinion of Bond Counsel addressed to CL&P and WMECO that this action will not impair either (x) the exclusion from gross income of the interest on any Pollution Control Bonds for federal income tax purposes or (y) the deductibility of the interest payable with respect to any Pollution Control Bonds by UI, CL&P or WMECO under Section 150(b) of the Code. To the extent possible, the Buyer shall provide to UI, CL&P and WMECO the written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of any permanent shut-down, retirement, abandonment or decommissioning of Millstone Unit 2 or 3 or the Pollution Control Facilities in whole or in part and shall in good faith by written notice to UI, CL&P and WMECO describe the affected property so that UI, CL&P and WMECO can determine which issue or issues of Pollution Control Bonds financed or refinanced such affected property.

(iv) It is expressly understood and agreed that this Section 5.8(d) shall not prohibit the use by the Buyer of tax-exempt bonds to finance or refinance any improvements to the Pollution Control Facilities made after the Initial Closing Date or any assets other than the Pollution Control Facilities.

(v) The Buyer shall indemnify UI, CL&P and WMECO for any additional costs and expenses incurred by UI, CL&P and WMECO, respectively, solely as a result of any breach by the Buyer of its covenants in Sections 5.8(d)(ii) or failure to provide the notice in Section 5.8(d)(iii).

(vi) UI, CL&P or WMECO shall notify the Buyer in writing of the maturity or redemption of any issue of the Pollution Control Bonds.

(vii) If UI, CL&P or WMECO shall have notified the Buyer that it has refinanced any of the Pollution Control Bonds with new bonds, the provisions of this Section 5.8(d), if applicable, shall apply with respect to such new bonds as though they were Pollution Control Bonds; provided that the provisions of this Section 5.8(d)(vii) shall not operate to require that (x) the Buyer provide any additional certificates or covenants in connection with such refinancing, (y) the Buyer extend its compliance with the provisions of Section 5.8(d) with respect to any Pollution Control Facilities beyond the maturity date of the related issue of Pollution Control Bonds and (z) the use of any Pollution Control Facilities be subject to any requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the Code that are more restrictive than those in effect and applicable to the related issue of Pollution Control Bonds as of the issue date of such issue. (viii) The Buyer and any transferee which becomes subject to this Section 5.8(d) by reason of clause (ix) will not sell or otherwise transfer all or part of the Pollution Control Facilities unless the transferee covenants in writing for the benefit of UI, CL&P and WMECO to comply with and to satisfy the conditions of this Section 5.8(d) with respect to its ownership and use of such Pollution Control Facilities.

(ix) The covenants of this Section 5.8(d) shall survive Closing and shall continue in effect and bind the Buyer and any subsequent transferee of all or part of the Pollution Control Facilities so long as any of the Pollution Control Bonds remain outstanding.

5.9. <u>NEPOOL</u>. At the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall be a member in good standing in NEPOOL. Except as otherwise provided in any Related Agreement, the Sellers shall not interfere with the Buyer's efforts to expand or modify generation capacity at the Sites.

#### 5.10. Funding of the Decommissioning Trusts.

(a) <u>Buyer's Decommissioning Fund</u>. To the extent permitted by Law, the Buyer shall have established as of the Initial Closing Date a qualified decommissioning fund (the "Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund") and a nonqualified decommissioning fund (the "Buyer's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund", Buyer's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund, together with Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund") for each of the Facilities into which, as set forth below, the assets of the Sellers' Qualified Decommissioning Fund and Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund, as applicable, shall be transferred.

(b) <u>The Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount</u>. On the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of each Seller participating in such Closing, shall transfer to the Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund and Buyer's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund, in accordance with this Section 5.10 and Section 6.3, the assets of the Sellers participating in such Closing as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.10(b)</u> comprising each Seller's Qualified Decommissioning Fund and such Seller's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund, as applicable, the aggregate of which for all such Closings shall be equal to \$765,346,033, on a Net Cash Value basis (which is comprised of \$268,288,160, \$252,944,583 and \$244,113,290 for Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively) (the "Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount").

(c) <u>Qualified Deposits, Top Off Amount, etc</u>. (i) On or prior to the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of each Seller which has a Qualified Decommissioning Fund and is participating in such Closing shall make, from time to time, such additional cash contributions to the relevant Seller's Qualified

Decommissioning Fund(s) as are eligible or required to be contributed to the Qualified Decommissioning Fund(s) under Code Section 468A and applicable Treasury Regulations as in effect as of the relevant Closing Date, but in no event less than deposits necessary to obtain the appropriate Qualified Decommissioning Funding Amount(s) set forth in <u>Schedule 5.10(b)</u> on the Initial Closing Date (the "Qualified Deposits").

(ii) On or prior to the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of each Seller participating in such Closing, shall make additional cash contributions from time to time to the Sellers' Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) necessary to obtain the appropriate Nonqualified Decommissioning Funding Amount(s) set forth in <u>Schedule 5.10(b)</u> on the Initial Closing Date (the "*Top Off Amount*").

(iii) In the event that compliance with Code Section 468A and applicable Treasury Regulations or other reasons prevent the Lead Participants or a Seller, as applicable, from making Qualified Deposits in accordance with Section 5.10(c)(i) above, the Top Off Amount shall be adjusted to compensate the Buyer for the shortfall in the Qualified Deposits and the tax consequences of the shortfall in the Qualified Deposits. Specifically, the Top Off Amount will be increased by 1.4 times the amount of the shortfall in the Qualified Deposits.

(d) <u>Adjustment of Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount</u>. (i) In the event that any Closing Date occurs after April 1, 2001, the Net Cash Value of each applicable Qualified Decommissioning Funding Amount and Nonqualified Decommissioning Funding Amount shall escalate from April 1, 2001 at an after-tax rate of 0.5% per month until the Closing Date. If there is a partial month, the interest rate applied to such month shall be equal to (A) the quotient of the number of days elapsed in such month prior to Closing divided by the total number of days in such month, multiplied by (B) 0.5%. For the purposes of this Section, the after-tax rate of 0.5% shall mean, in the case of the Qualified Decommissioning Funding Amount, a pretax rate of 0.5% multiplied by 1.37. The Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount shall increase by the sum of the increases to the Qualified Decommissioning Funding Amount(s) and the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funding Amount(s).

(ii) The Parties agree and acknowledge that the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount set forth in Section 5.10(b) may be less than the NRC decommissioning funding assurance requirements for Millstone. To the extent that the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount is less than the amount required by the NRC, the Parties agree to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain NRC approval to allow Dominion Resources, Inc. to meet such funding deficit by providing a guarantee of up to \$61,000,000 to the NRC at the time of the Initial Closing (the "DTC Guarantee"). If the NRC approves the request for the provision of a DTC Guarantee, Dominion Resources, Inc. will provide such guarantee for amounts up to \$61,000,000 and the Sellers will provide funds for deficit amounts in excess of the DTC Guarantee. If the NRC does not approve the request for provision of a DTC Guarantee, the Buyer will fund twenty (20) percent of the deficit amounts needed to meet the NRC's decommissioning funding assurance requirements for Millstone which shall not exceed \$12,000,000 in any event and the Lead Participants will fund the difference between the additional amounts required by NRC and the amounts funded hereunder by the Buyer.

(iii) The Parties agree and acknowledge that the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount agreed to among the Parties is based on the assumption that the "Cold and Dark" status of Millstone Unit 1 will be achieved by the Lead Participants prior to the Initial Closing Date. If the Cold and Dark status of Millstone Unit 1 has not been achieved by the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants shall promptly, upon the achievement of the Cold and Dark status of Millstone Unit 1, reimburse the Buyer for any additional costs incurred by the Buyer to achieve such Cold and Dark status, including, without limitation, any additional costs incurred by the Buyer under the Entergy Contract; provided, however, that the Buyer shall achieve the Cold and Dark status of Millstone Unit 1 consistent with the past practices of the Lead Participants or their Affiliates at Millstone and Good Utility Practices. In the event such reimbursement arrangement is found to be impracticable prior to the Initial Closing Date, then the Net Cash Value of the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount attributable to Millstone Unit 1 shall be increased by an amount equal to the amount that the Buyer reasonably believes to be necessary to achieve the Cold and Dark status of Millstone Unit 1 (the "Cold and Dark Adjustment"), which amount shall be paid by the Lead Participants. The amount of the Cold and Dark Adjustment, if any, shall be set forth in a notice delivered to the Lead Participants in accordance with Section 11.8 no later than seven (7) days prior to the Initial Closing Date.

(iv) Nothing contained in this Section 5.10 shall be deemed to prohibit the Sellers and the Lead Participants from entering into agreements among themselves with respect to such Parties' obligations under this Section 5.10.

(e) <u>Amendment</u>. Prior to the last Closing to occur for a Facility, the Decommissioning Trust Agreements shall not be amended by any Seller to provide for the consolidation of its Qualified Decommissioning Funds and Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds, and shall not be amended in any other manner if and to the extent such amendment would constitute a Disqualification Event. Except as otherwise required by the IRS, the NRC or any other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction, following the last Closing to occur for a Facility and prior to the date which is six months from the last Subsequent Closing Date to occur for the Facility, the Decommissioning Trust Agreements shall not be amended by the Buyer to provide for the consolidation of its Qualified Decommissioning Funds and Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds, and shall not be amended in any other manner if and to the extent such amendment would constitute a Disqualification Event, as defined herein. The execution and delivery of the Supplemental Indenture by the Buyer and the Sellers shall not be deemed an amendment prohibited by this Section 5.10(e).

(f) <u>Assets of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund</u>. Except as otherwise directed by the Buyer, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of each Seller shall direct the Trustee(s) of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) to ensure, to the extent consistent with the applicable fiduciary duty owed by the Trustee(s), that such Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s) do not include cash or general deposit accounts or other "Class I Assets" as defined under Treas. Reg. 1.338-6T(b)(1) on the Initial Closing Date, and on each Subsequent Closing Date thereafter. Further, if requested by the Buyer, the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of each Seller shall direct the Trustee(s) of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund(s), to the extent consistent with the applicable fiduciary duty owed by the Trustee(s), to invest the assets of the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds in a manner reflecting the desired investment structure of the Buyer within five (5) Business Days prior to the respective Closing Date as described in a prior written notice from the Buyer to the Lead Participants; provided that the Buyer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Lead Participants for any loss resulting from such investment instructions or other direction provided by the Buyer under this Section 5.10(f).

5.11. <u>Risk of Loss</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 5.11, during the Interim Period all risk of loss or damage to the property included in the Acquired Assets shall be borne by the Sellers. If during the Interim Period the Acquired Assets are damaged by fire or other casualty (each such event, an "*Event of Loss*"), or are taken by a Governmental Authority by exercise of the power of eminent domain (each, a "*Taking*"), the following provisions shall apply:

(a) the occurrence of (i) any one or more Events of Loss, as a result of which the aggregate costs to restore, repair or replace, less any insurance proceeds received or payable to the Sellers in connection with such Event or Events of Loss (provided that any insurance proceeds received or payable in connection with the Event or Events of Loss are either used to restore, repair or replace such Event or Events of Loss or are made available to the Buyer) are reasonably estimated to be equal to or less than \$10,000,000, and/or (ii) any one or more Takings, as a result of which the aggregate condemnation proceeds equal an amount reasonably estimated to be equal to or less than \$10,000,000, shall have no effect on the transactions contemplated hereby; provided that any condemnation proceeds received or payable in connection with the Taking or Takings are made available to the Buyer;

(b) upon the occurrence of (i) any one or more Events of Loss, as a result of which the aggregate costs to restore, repair or replace, less any insurance proceeds received or payable to the Sellers in connection with such Event or Events of Loss (provided that any insurance proceeds received or payable in connection with the Event or Events of Loss are either used to restore, repair or replace such Event or Events of Loss or are made available to the Buyer) are reasonably estimated to be greater than \$10,000,000, and/or (ii) any one or more Takings, as a result of which the aggregate condemnation proceeds are reasonably estimated to be greater than \$10,000,000, and or (ii) any one or more Takings, as a result of which the aggregate condemnation proceeds are reasonably estimated to be greater than \$10,000,000 (a "Major Loss"), the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, shall have, in the case of a Major Loss relating to one or more Events of Loss, the option, exercised by notice to the Buyer, to restore, repair or replace the affected

Acquired Assets. If Lead Participants elect to restore, repair or replace the Acquired Assets relating to a Major Loss, which election shall be made by notice to the Buyer prior to the Initial Closing Date and as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Major Loss, the Buyer will have the option of (x) making the completion of the repair, replacement or restoration of the affected Acquired Assets a condition to the Initial Closing and the Initial Closing Date shall be postponed at its election for the amount of time reasonably necessary for the Lead Participants to complete the restoration, repair or replacement of such affected Acquired Assets, such time period to be agreed upon by the Buyer and the Lead Participants or (y) allowing the Initial Closing to occur prior to the completion of the repair, replacement or restoration of such affected Acquired Assets; provided that the Lead Participant shall have agreed to complete such repair, replacement or restoration which covenant shall survive the Closings. If the Lead Participants elect not to restore, repair or replace the Acquired Assets affected by a Major Loss, or such Major Loss is the result of one or more Takings, the provisions of Section 5.11(c) will apply;

(c) in the event that the Lead Participants elect not to restore, repair or replace a Major Loss, or in the event that the Lead Participants, having elected to repair, replace or restore the Major Loss, fail to complete such repair, replacement or restoration within the period of time as agreed upon by the Parties pursuant to the penultimate sentence of Section 5.11(b), or in the event that a Major Loss is the result of one or more Takings, then the Parties shall, within thirty (30) days following the Lead Participants' election not to restore, repair or replace, failure to complete, or the occurrence of such Takings, as the case may be, negotiate in good faith an equitable adjustment in the Facilities Purchase Price, pursuant to Section 2.6(a)(iii) to reflect the impact of the Major Loss, as mitigated by any repair, replacement or restoration work actually completed by the Lead Participants, on the Acquired Assets being sold to Buyer, and proceed to the Initial Closing. To assist the Buyer in its evaluation of any and all Events of Loss, the Lead Participants shall provide the Buyer such access to the Acquired Assets and such information as the Buyer may reasonably request in connection therewith; and

(d) in the event that the Parties fail to reach agreement on an equitable adjustment of the Facilities Purchase Price, within the thirty (30) days provided in Section 5.11(c), then the Buyer shall have the right to elect, exercisable by notice to the Lead Participants within fifteen (15) days immediately following the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, to (i) proceed with the consummation of the transaction at the Initial Closing, with a reduction in the Facilities Purchase Price, consistent with the Lead Participants' last offer of equitable adjustment thereto as contemplated by the penultimate sentence of Section 5.11(c) communicated to the Buyer, in which event the Sellers shall assign over or deliver to the Buyer at the Initial Closing all condemnation proceeds or insurance proceeds which the Sellers receive, or to which the Sellers become entitled by virtue of the Events of Loss or Taking with respect to the Acquired Assets, less any costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Sellers in connection with such Events of Loss or Taking or in obtaining such condemnation proceeds or insurance proceeds, (ii) terminate this Agreement, in which event this Agreement shall terminate or (iii) submit the matter to dispute resolution pursuant to Section 12.1 to determine the adjustment, if any, in the Facilities Purchase Price, which determination shall be binding on all Parties. If the Buyer fails to make the election within the fifteen (15) day period described in the preceding sentence, the Buyer will, subject to Section 5.11(d), be deemed to have made the election to proceed with the Initial Closing.

5.12. Connecticut Transfer Act. The Buyer acknowledges that the Sites on which the Facilities are located are subject to the Connecticut Transfer Act (C.G.S. § 22a-134 et seq.) (the "Transfer Act"), and that it is the Buyer's sole and exclusive responsibility (a) to determine the applicability of the Transfer Act and the appropriate form required to be filed with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP") pursuant to the Transfer Act for the Sites and the Facilities; (b) to prepare, execute as the certifying party, and file all required forms with the DEP; (c) to investigate, remediate and monitor the Sites as required by the Transfer Act; and (d) to pay any and all costs, fees, and expenses of, associated with, or relating to the compliance with the Transfer Act with respect to the Sites and the Facilities, including, but not limited to, all fees due the DEP, and all costs of investigation, remediation and monitoring of the Sites as required pursuant to the Transfer Act; provided, however, that the Lead Participants shall pay to and indemnify the Buyer for any costs of compliance with the Transfer Act as applied to industrial properties to the extent they relate to any Environmental Liability which is an Excluded Liability or in respect of or otherwise arising from the exercise of the Seller Reserved Easements, and the Sellers shall provide the Buyer with any information in its possession that would assist the Buyer in meeting its obligations hereunder. Nothing in this Section 5.12 shall be deemed to affect in any respect the representations and warranties of the Lead Participants as set forth in Section 3.2(i) or the indemnity obligations of the Lead Participants under Section 9.3(a).

5.13. <u>Discharge of Environmental Liabilities</u>. With respect to Environmental Liabilities which constitute Excluded Liabilities, after the Initial Closing Date, pursuant to Section 2.3(a), the Buyer will use Commercially Reasonable Efforts not to prejudice or impair the rights of any Seller under Environmental Laws or interfere with the ability of any Seller to contest in appropriate administrative, judicial or other proceedings its liability, if any, for Environmental Claims or Remediation (the "Seller Environmental Liabilities"). To the extent relevant to the Seller Environmental Liabilities, (i) the Buyer further agrees to provide to the Sellers draft copies of all plans and studies prepared in connection with any Site investigation or Remediation prior to their submission to the Governmental Authority with jurisdiction under Environmental Laws, (ii) the Euger, its agents or representatives, and such Governmental Authorities and (iii) the Buyer shall promptly provide to the Lead Participants copies of all written information, plans, documents and material correspondence submitted to or received from such Governmental Authorities relating to the Buyer's discharge of any Environmental Liabilities assumed pursuant to this Agreement.

5.14. <u>Nuclear Insurance</u>. The Buyer shall obtain and maintain policies of liability and property insurance with respect to the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Facilities which shall afford protection against the insurable hazards and risks which meets the requirements of 10 C.F.R. 50.54(w) and is consistent with Good Utility Practices. Such coverage shall include nuclear liability insurance from ANI, NEIL or any other provider (or a combination of providers)

in such form and in such amount as will meet the financial protection requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, and an agreement of indemnification as contemplated by Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act. In the event that the nuclear liability protection system contemplated by Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act is repealed or changed, the Buyer shall obtain and maintain, to the extent commercially available on reasonable terms, alternate protection against nuclear liability. In addition, the Buyer shall provide to the NRC assurance of its ability to pay the retrospective premiums for the Facilities as prescribed and to the extent required by Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act and 10 C.F.R. § 140.21.

5.15. <u>Nonwaiver of Third Party Environmental Liabilities</u>. In the event that the Buyer, either before or after the Initial Closing Date, shall determine that the cause that gives rise to the Environmental Liabilities assumed pursuant to Section 2.3(a) occurred, in whole or in part, prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants agree to cooperate and provide the Buyer with any information in their possession that will assist the Buyer in locating any Third Party who may be responsible or share responsibility for any Environmental Liability, and the Lead Participants shall not waive or excuse the liability of any such Third Party to the extent any such Environmental Liabilities would have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.16. <u>Control of Litigation</u>. The Parties agree and acknowledge that the Lead Participants shall be entitled exclusively to control, defend and settle any litigation, administrative or regulatory proceeding, and any investigative or Remediation activities (including without limitation any environmental mitigation) arising out of or related to any Excluded Liabilities, so long as such defense, settlement or other activities do not unreasonably interfere with the Buyer's operation of the Facilities or materially impair the value of the Facilities, and the Buyer agrees to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to cooperate with the Lead Participants in connection therewith. Subject to Section 9.6, the Parties agree and acknowledge that the Buyer shall be entitled exclusively to control, defend and settle any litigation, administrative or regulatory proceeding, and any investigative or remediation activities arising out of or related to any Acquired Assets or Assumed Liabilities, so long as such defense, settlement or other activities do not unreasonably interfere with the Sellers' respective businesses, and the Lead Participants agree to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to cooperate with the Buyer in connection therewith.

5.17. <u>Availability of Funds</u>. On or before the Effective Date, the Buyer shall have delivered to the Sellers (a) evidence of sufficient funds available to it as of the Initial Closing Date or binding written commitments from responsible financial institutions to provide sufficient immediately available funds as of the Initial Closing Date to pay the Relevant Facilities Purchase Price, the Relevant Fuel Purchase Price and any Estimated Adjustment and (b) evidence of the availability of the Acceptable Credit Support in accordance with Section 2.5.

### 5.18. Cost of Disposal of Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel.

(a)(i) Each of the Lead Participants hereby appoints the Buyer as its agent and attorney-in-fact to represent it in all matters involving the Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel and to prosecute such claims or negotiate on their behalf a settlement of such claims by and against DOE; provided that no such settlement shall be entered into by the Buyer without the prior written consent of the Lead Participants (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), and the Buyer shall inform the Lead Participants in writing of any material developments regarding any such matter involving the Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel; and provided further, that the Lead Participants shall indemnify and hold the Buyer harmless from any claims, costs or damages arising from the Buyer's acts as the Lead Participants' agent and attorney-in-fact under this paragraph.

(ii) The Lead Participants shall, within sixty days after the occurrence of an ACS Trigger Event, provide the Buyer a DOE Acceptable Credit Support.

(b) Prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants have reserved certain amounts against future payment of Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel disposal charges in an amount equal to the "one-time fee" amount provided under Article VIII(A)(2) of the DOE Standard Contracts, together with accrued interest at the rate provided in Article VIII(B)(2)(b) thereof (the "DOE Contract Amount"). The Parties agree as follows with respect to such matters:

(i) At such time as the Buyer may be lawfully required to pay to DOE the fee for disposal of Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel under Article VIII of the DOE Standard Contracts (the "DOE Payment Date"), subject to any reduction as provided in Section 5.18(b)(ii), the Lead Participants shall, upon not less than thirty (30) days' prior notice from the Buyer, pay or cause to be paid to the Buyer in immediately available funds a sum equal to the amount of such payment (the "DOE Payment Amount") pursuant to wire transfer instructions to be furnished by the Buyer to the Lead Participants at least five (5) days prior to the DOE Payment Date. Upon payment of the DOE Payment Amount, the DOE Acceptable Credit Support shall be terminated and the Buyer shall return such DOE Acceptable Credit Support to the Lead Participants. In the event the Lead Participants fail to reimburse the Buyer in full of the DOE Acceptable Credit Support to the the DOE Acceptable Credit Support to the DOE Acceptable Credit Support to the DOE Payment Amount, the Buyer shall have the right to exercise its remedies under the DOE Acceptable Credit Support to the extent necessary to cover any deficiency in the reimbursement of the payment by Buyer of the DOE Payment Amount.

(ii) In the event any pending claims of the Lead Participants with respect to the DOE Standard Contracts for disposal of Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel are adjudicated, settled by the Buyer or otherwise liquidated pursuant to the terms hereof at any time prior to the DOE Payment Date, and as a result of such adjudication, settlement or liquidation, the DOE Payment Amount is reduced, or a credit is available against such

amount, such credit shall be used by the Buyer to reduce the obligations of the Lead Participants under Section 5.18(b)(i), on a *pro rata* basis, by the amount of any such credit. In the event that upon such adjudication, settlement or liquidation of any such claims of the Lead Participants with respect to the DOE Standard Contracts, the Lead Participants shall be entitled to receive any cash payment from DOE, the Lead Participants shall retain such cash and no portion thereof shall be applied to reduce the DOE Payment Amount.

(iii) The Parties shall provide the DOE with notice of assignment of the DOE Standard Contracts to the Buyer pursuant to Article XIV thereof and the appointment of the Buyer to act as the agent and attorney-in-fact of CL&P and WMECO in prosecuting or settling any claims against DOE

5.19. <u>Department of Energy Decontamination and Decommissioning Fees</u>. Each Seller will continue to pay its Ownership Share of all DOE decontamination and decommissioning fund fees relating to Nuclear Fuel purchased and consumed at the Facilities on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, including but not limited to all annual special assessment invoices to be issued after the Initial Closing Date, by the DOE, as contemplated by its regulations at 10 C.F.R. Part 766 implementing Sections 1801, 1802, and 1803 of the Atomic Energy Act. After the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing, the Buyer will pay such DOE decontamination and decommissioning fund fees relating to Nuclear Fuel purchased or consumed at each Unit after the relevant Closing for the appropriate Relevant Percentage acquired by the Buyer.

5.20. <u>Cooperation Relating to Insurance and Price-Anderson Act</u>. Until the Initial Closing, the Sellers will maintain in effect the same level of property damage and liability insurance for the Facilities as in effect on the Effective Date. The Lead Participants shall cooperate with the Buyer's efforts to obtain insurance, including insurance required under the Price Anderson Act or other Nuclear Laws with respect to the Acquired Assets. Subject to Section 9.4, the Sellers agree to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to assist the Buyer in making any claims against pre-Closing insurance policies of the Sellers that may provide coverage related to Assumed Liabilities. The Buyer agrees to indemnify the Sellers for their reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in providing such assistance and cooperation and not to take any action which shall adversely affect any residual rights of the Sellers in such insurance policies.

### 5.21. Acceptable Credit Support.

At the Initial Closing the Buyer shall deliver to CL&P, on behalf of the Remaining Sellers an Acceptable Guaranty and at all times thereafter until the earlier of (x) the termination date of the Agreement pursuant to Section 10.1(c)(ii)(B) or Section 10.1(e)(ii) and (y) the payment in full of the Facilities Purchase Price and the Fuel Purchase Price, the Buyer shall maintain such Acceptable Guaranty in full force and effect. If at any time the guarantor under such Acceptable Guaranty shall cease to be an Acceptable Guarantor, then the Buyer shall, within ten (10) days after the earlier of the date on which (i) the Buyer shall have been given notice of such cessation by the Lead Participants and (ii) the Buyer shall have Knowledge of such cessation, deliver to the Lead Participants a replacement Acceptable Guaranty to be issued by an Acceptable Guarantor.

5.22. Private Letter Ruling Requests. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith in the preparation and filing of any private letter ruling requests to be made by the Buyer and the Sellers in order to obtain the tax treatment desired by the Parties with respect to the transfer of the Decommissioning Funds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (the "Private Letter Ruling Requests"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Buyer and the Sellers shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain one or more private letter ruling(s) from the IRS determining that (i) the transfer of assets from the Sellers' Qualified Decommissioning Funds to the Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund is a disposition that, pursuant to the IRS' authority under Treas. Reg. 1.468A-6(g)(1), satisfies the requirements of Treas. Reg. 1.468A-6(b), (ii) the Buyer will not recognize gain or otherwise take into account any income for U.S. federal income tax purposes by reason of the receipt of the assets of the Sellers' Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds, including any Top Off Amounts contributed thereto, and (iii) each Seller shall be entitled to a current deduction equal to the total of any amounts realized by such Seller as a result of the Buyer's assumption of the decommissioning obligations with regard to the Acquired Assets (the "Requested Rulings"), and further the Buyer and the Sellers shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to obtain separate private letter ruling(s) from the IRS determining that each Seller's net operating loss attributable to the decommissioning obligations assumed by the Buyer will qualify for specified liability loss treatment under section 172 of the Code. Neither the Buyer nor the Sellers shall take any action that would cause the transfer of assets from the Sellers' Qualified Decommissioning Funds to the Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund to fail to satisfy the requirements of Treas. Reg. 1.468A-6(b) (assuming solely for purposes of this sentence that the interest acquired by the Buyer constitutes a "qualified interest" in a "nuclear power plant" as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.468A-5(b)), or cause the Buyer and the Sellers to fail to obtain such a private letter ruling.

5.23. <u>Credit Rating of Acceptable Guarantor</u>. The Buyer shall, upon request therefor, during the term of the Acceptable Guaranty (i) deliver to the Lead Participants, reports from each of S&P and Moody's as to the credit rating and such other pertinent information with respect to the credit rating of the Acceptable Guarantor and (ii) promptly notify the Lead Participants of any downgrade in the credit rating of such Acceptable Guarantor.

5.24. <u>NRC Commitments</u>. The Buyer shall maintain, and operate the Facilities in accordance with the NRC Commitments and shall not modify or otherwise amend such NRC Commitments, except in accordance with applicable Law.

5.25. Exclusivity. Each of the Lead Participants and the Sellers will not take, nor will it permit any of its Affiliates (or authorize or permit any investment banker, financial advisor, attorney, accountant or other Person retained by or acting for or on behalf of the Lead Participants or the Sellers) to take, directly or indirectly, any action to initiate, assist, solicit, receive, negotiate, encourage or accept any offer or inquiry from any Person (i) to reach any agreement or understanding (whether or not such agreement or understanding is absolute, revocable, contingent or conditional) for, or otherwise attempt to consummate, the sale of the Acquired Assets and the Facilities to any Person other than the Buyer or its Affiliates, or (ii) to furnish or cause to be furnished any information with respect to the Acquired Assets, the Facilities and the Sites to any Person for the purpose of soliciting offers for the acquisition of the Acquired Assets or the Facilities. If the Lead Participants or any Seller (or any such Person acting for or on their behalf) receives from any Person (other than the Buyer or Buyer's Representatives) any offer, inquiry or informational request referred to above, the Lead Participants will promptly advise such Person, by written notice, of the terms of this Section 5.25 and will promptly, orally and in writing, advise the Buyer of such offer, inquiry or request and deliver a copy of such notice to the Buyer.

5.26. <u>Outages</u>. During the Interim Period, the Lead Participants and NNECO shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to complete, in all material respects in accordance with Good Utility Practices and in conformity with applicable Laws, the refueling outage for Millstone Unit 3 presently anticipated to commence in the first quarter of 2001 and all work required to be accomplished in regard to any outage (including without limitation, any other refueling outage) in order to return the Facilities to full licensed thermal power operation.

5.27 <u>Nuclear Fuel</u>. On the Initial Closing Date and the Subsequent Closing Date, if any, on which WMECO's Ownership Share in the Facilities is conveyed, the Lead Participants shall cause the Total Relevant Percentage of the Nuclear Fuel to be transferred from the Fuel Trust to the Buyer, free and clear of any Lien or encumbrances.

## 6. Conditions Precedent to Obligation to Close.

6.1. <u>Conditions Precedent to Obligation of the Buyer to Close</u>. The obligation of the Buyer to consummate the transactions to be performed by it in connection with the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions with respect to such Initial Closing or Subsequent Closing, as the case may be:

## (a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

(i) The representations and warranties of each Seller set forth in Section 3.1 shall be true and correct in all material respects (except if such representation or warranty is subject to a "material adverse effect", Material Adverse Effect or other materiality threshold, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as though made at and as of the relevant Closing Date on which such Seller transfers its Ownership Share (except with respect to any representation or warranty expressly made as of the Effective Date, which shall be deemed made as of the Effective Date and in the case of any Subsequent Closing Date, except with respect to any breach of any such representation or warranty to the extent that such breach arises from the acts or omissions of the Buyer or its Affiliates after the Initial Closing Date);

(ii) The representations and warranties of the Lead Participants set forth in Section 3.2 shall be true and correct in all material respects (except if such representation is subject to a "material adverse effect", Material Adverse Effect or other materiality threshold, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as though made at and as of the Initial Closing Date and each Subsequent Closing Date (except with respect to any representation or warranty expressly made as of the Effective Date, which shall be made as of the Effective Date and in the case of any Subsequent Closing Date, except with respect to any breach of any such representation or warranty to the extent that such breach arises from the acts or omissions of the Buyer or its Affiliates after the Initial Closing Date);

(b) <u>Performance by the Sellers</u>. The Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all of their covenants, agreements and obligations hereunder through the relevant Closing Date;

(c) <u>Buyer Regulatory Approval</u>. Buyer shall have received the consents, waivers, approvals and authorizations referenced in Section 5.2(b) and the Buyer Regulatory Approvals specified in <u>Schedule 6.1(c)</u> in each case without terms and conditions that, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on the Buyer or its Affiliates and such approvals shall be final and non-appealable;

(d) <u>Seller Regulatory Approvals</u>. The Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers shall have received the applicable Seller Regulatory Approvals specified in <u>Schedule 6.2(c)</u>, in each case without terms and conditions that, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on the Buyer or its Affiliates and such approvals shall be final and non-appealable;

(e) <u>Absence of Litigation</u>. No suit, action or other proceeding against any Party or its Affiliates or any of the Acquired Assets shall be pending before any Governmental Authority which seeks to restrain or prohibit any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Related Agreement or to obtain damages or other relief in connection with this Agreement or any Related Agreement or the actions contemplated hereby or thereby, except for matters, in the case of suits, actions or pleadings that seek damages that, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in damages causing a Material Adverse Effect. There shall not be any injunction, judgment, order, decree, ruling, charge or laws in effect on the relevant Closing Date

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preventing consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Related Agreements, except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(f) <u>Anti-trust Matters</u>. All applicable waiting periods (and any extensions thereof) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act shall have expired or otherwise been terminated or it shall have been determined to the Parties' mutual satisfaction that all transactions between the Parties are exempt from the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act;

(g) <u>Deliveries</u>. The Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, shall have complied in all material respects with the delivery requirements of Section 2.11;

(h) <u>Title Commitments</u>. The issuer of the Title Commitments shall have made available to the Buyer title insurance policies in an amount satisfactory to the Buyer insuring good and marketable fee simple title to the Total Relevant Percentage of Acquired Assets consisting of real estate and Improvements as of the relevant Closing Date substantially in the form of the Title Commitments, with such changes therefrom as shall not in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect and with the exceptions for parties in possession (other than those disclosed in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(ii)</u>, if any) and unfiled mechanics' and materialmen's liens (other than those that arise from any act of the Buyer or arise under Good Utility Practices and are not material to the operation or use of the Acquired Assets in the business of the Sellers as conducted through the relevant Closing Date) removed; provided, that the Buyer shall be under no obligation to pay any amounts to the issuer of such title insurance policies in order to cause an exception not contained in the Title Commitments to be removed from such title insurance policies if the amount of such payment would constitute a Material Adverse Effect; all easements necessary for Buyer's access to the Real Property and use and operation of the Improvements thereon as shown in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(i)</u> shall be in full force and effect and shall be insured as part of Buyer's title policy;

(i) <u>Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the Effective Date, there shall not have occurred and be continuing a Material Adverse Effect, other than (i) to the extent such Material Adverse Effect is the direct and foreseeable consequence of facts or circumstances that were disclosed on Schedule 3.2(a), 3.2(c)(ii), 3.2(g) or 3.2(i) and were not required to be corrected or remediated before the relevant Closing Date by this Agreement or (ii) such Material Adverse Effect which is the direct and sole result of acts or omissions on the part of the Buyer after the Initial Closing Date;

(j) <u>Related Agreements</u>. The Related Agreements shall be in full force and effect on each Closing Date;

## (k) [RESERVED];

(1) <u>No Shutdown</u>. Neither Unit 2 or 3 of the Facilities have been shut down or have had their outputs significantly reduced by virtue of the action, or as a result of actions, taken by the NRC or other Governmental Authority.

(m)<u>Certain Consents</u>. The Sellers shall have received third party consents to assignment of all Material Contracts, except those for which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer have been made pursuant to Section 5.2(b);

(n) <u>Release of Lien of Mortgage Indenture</u>. The Lien of the Mortgage Indenture and any other mortgages, deeds of trust and security interests on the Acquired Assets shall have been released and any documents necessary to evidence such release shall have been delivered to the Title Company;

(o) <u>Decommissioning Funds</u>. The Net Cash Value of each of the Decommissioning Funds shall be as set forth in Schedule 5.10(b);

(p) <u>Requested Rulings</u>. The Buyer shall have received the Requested Rulings;

(q) <u>Right of First Refusal</u>. To the extent a Lead Participant will not close on the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer shall have received an assignment of all of the Lead Participants' rights under the Sharing Agreement pursuant to the Lead Participants Rights Agreement or such other agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to it, and such evidence as may be reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer of a waiver of rights of first refusal from any other owners of Unit 3;

(r) <u>Outages</u>. Prior to the Initial Closing Date, the Lead Participants and NNECO shall have completed, in all material respects in accordance with Good Utility Practices and in conformity with applicable Laws, the refueling outage for Millstone Unit 3 presently anticipated to commence during the first quarter of 2001 and all work required to be accomplished in regard to any outage (including, without limitation, any other refueling outage) in order to return the Facilities to full licensed thermal power operation; and

(s) <u>Other Matters Affecting Acquired Assets</u>. The Buyer shall have received such other documents, agreements or instruments, and the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, shall have performed such acts, as the Buyer or its counsel may reasonably request in order to accomplish the acquisition of the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets and the operation of the Facilities in a safe and reliable fashion.

The Buyer may waive any condition specified in this Section 6.1 if it executes a writing so stating on or prior to the relevant Closing Date and such waiver shall not be considered a waiver of any other provision in this Agreement unless the writing so states.

6.2. <u>Conditions Precedent to Obligation of the Sellers to Close</u>. The obligation of each Required Seller or Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, to consummate the transactions to be performed by it in connection with the Initial Closing or Subsequent Closing, as the case may be, is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties of the Buyer set forth in Section 4 shall be true and correct in all material respects (except if such representation or warranty is subject to a "material adverse effect", Material Adverse Effect or other materiality threshold, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) at and as of the Initial Closing Date or Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be (except with respect to any representation or warranty expressly made as of the Effective Date, which shall be deemed made as of the Effective Date);

(b) <u>Performance by the Buyer</u>. The Buyer shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all of its covenants, agreements and obligations hereunder through the relevant Closing Date;

(c) <u>Seller Regulatory Approvals</u>. Each Required Seller or Remaining Seller, as the case may be, shall have received the Seller Regulatory Approvals specified in <u>Schedule 6.2(c)</u>, in each case without terms and conditions that either singly or in the aggregate are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on such Seller or its Affiliates and such approvals shall be final and nonappealable;

(d) <u>Buyer Regulatory Approval</u>. The Buyer shall have received the consents, waivers, approvals and authorizations referenced in Section 5.2(b) and the Buyer Regulatory Approvals specified in <u>Schedule 6.1(c)</u> in each case without terms and conditions that, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on any Seller or its Affiliates and such approvals shall be final and nonappealable;

(e) <u>Absence of Litigation</u>. No suit, action or other proceeding against any Party or its Affiliates or any of the Acquired Assets shall be pending before any Governmental Authority which seeks to restrain or prohibit any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to obtain damages or other relief in connection with this Agreement or the actions contemplated hereby, except for matters that, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There shall not be any injunction, judgment, order, decree, ruling, charge or laws in effect on the relevant Closing Date preventing consummation of any of the

transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Related Agreements, except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(f) <u>Deliveries</u>. The Buyer shall have complied in all material respects with the delivery requirements of Section 2.12;

(g) <u>Anti-trust Matters</u>. All applicable waiting periods (and any extensions thereof) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act shall have expired or otherwise been terminated or it shall have been determined to the Parties' mutual satisfaction that all transactions between the Parties are exempt from the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act;

(h) <u>NEPOOL</u>. The Buyer shall be a member in good standing of NEPOOL;

(i) <u>Related Agreements</u>. The Related Agreements shall be in full force and effect as of the relevant Closing Date; and

(j) <u>Requested Rulings</u>. The Sellers shall have received the Requested Rulings.

Each of the Sellers may with respect to itself waive any condition specified in this Section 6.2 if it executes a writing so stating at or prior to the relevant Closing Date and such waiver shall not be considered a waiver of any other provision in this Agreement unless the writing specifically so states or by any other Seller.

# 6.3. Initial and Subsequent Closings.

(a) Coordination and Initial Closing. The Buyer and the Sellers desire to effect a coordinated closing with respect to all of the Sellers' interests in the Acquired Assets. To that end, in order to provide sufficient time for the Sellers to obtain necessary Seller Regulatory Approvals, no Closing including, without limitation, the Initial Closing, shall occur until the date (the "Coordination Date") which is the earlier of (1) the date which is eight (8) months after the Effective Date or (2) the date on which all Seller Regulatory Approvals have been obtained. Anything provided in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if the Coordination Date has occurred and the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6.1 are satisfied with respect to NNECO and any Seller or Sellers (NNECO and such Sellers, collectively, the "Required Sellers") holding individually, or in the aggregate with other Required Sellers, not less than eighty-one percent (81%) of the Ownership Shares of Millstone Units 1 and 2 and not less than fifty-two and ninety-three one hundredths percent (52.93%) of the Ownership Shares of Millstone Unit 3 (the "Required Assets"), then the Buyer and the Required Sellers shall proceed to Closing in accordance with Section 2.10 with respect to such Required Sellers (the "Initial Closing"). If all conditions precedent as set forth in Section 6 other than the conditions precedent as set forth in Section 6.1(d) or Section 6.2(c) (the "Specified Conditions Precedent") are satisfied (and remain

so satisfied) with respect to any Seller or Sellers (the "Remaining Sellers"), then the Buyer and the Remaining Sellers shall proceed to Closing in accordance with Section 2.10 with respect to such Remaining Sellers on a date no later than fifteen (15) days (or, if the fifteenth day is not a Business Day, then the next Business Day following such fifteenth day) after satisfaction of such Specified Conditions Precedent (the "Subsequent Closing").

(b) <u>Initial Closing</u>. At the Initial Closing (i) the Required Sellers shall sell and transfer to the Buyer and the Buyer shall purchase and acquire from the Required Sellers the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets, (ii) the Buyer shall assume liability for the Total Relevant Percentage of the Assumed Liabilities, (iii) the Lead Participants shall make the transfer to the Buyer's Decommissioning Fund pursuant to Section 5.10, and (iv) the Buyer shall become a party to, and shall succeed to the rights and obligations of the Lead Participants under the Sharing Agreement as amended in accordance with Section 6.3(d).

(c) <u>Subsequent Closings</u>. At each Subsequent Closing (i) the relevant Remaining Seller shall sell and transfer to the Buyer and the Buyer shall purchase and acquire from the Remaining Seller the Total Relevant Percentage of the Acquired Assets, (ii) the Buyer shall assume liability for the Total Relevant Percentage of the Assumed Liabilities, (iii) the Lead Participants shall make the transfer to the Buyer's Decommissioning Trust Fund pursuant to Section 5.10, and (iv) the Buyer shall succeed to the rights and obligations of such Remaining Seller under the Sharing Agreement as amended in accordance with Section 6.3(d).

(d) <u>Sharing Agreement</u>. On or before the Initial Closing, the Sellers shall cause the Sharing Agreement to be amended to provide that the Sharing Agreement shall remain in full force and effect following the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing and that the Buyer shall succeed to the status of and the rights and obligations of the "Lead Participants" under the Sharing Agreement as of the Initial Closing.

(e) <u>Indemnified Parties</u>. Following the Initial Closing and any Subsequent Closing, and until such time as the Buyer shall have acquired all of the Ownership Shares in the Acquired Assets, the term "Seller Indemnified Parties" shall mean the Required Sellers and, each Remaining Seller as to which a Subsequent Closing has occurred and their respective Affiliates and any of their officers, directors and employees, agents and representatives.

### 7. Confidentiality.

(a) Each Receiving Party and each Representative thereof will treat and hold as confidential all Proprietary Information, refrain from using any such Proprietary Information except in connection with this Agreement, the Related Agreements and transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and, if this Agreement is terminated prior to Closing, deliver promptly to the Disclosing Party or destroy, at the request and option of the Disclosing Party, all tangible

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embodiments and all copies, summaries or abstracts of any Proprietary Information received from such Disclosing Party which are in his or its possession. All Proprietary Information relating to the Acquired Assets as may be delivered to the Buyer prior to the Initial Closing shall become Buyer's Proprietary Information and the Buyer shall be deemed to be the Disclosing Party with respect thereto upon consummation of the Initial Closing, and the Sellers shall not thereafter disclose any such Proprietary Information except to the extent allowed herein; provided, however, that, subject to Section 7(b), any such information which was not treated as confidential or proprietary by any of the Sellers prior to Closing shall not become confidential or Proprietary Information of the Buyer after the Closing. In the event that the Receiving Party or any Representative thereof is requested or required (including, without limitation, (i) pursuant to any rule or regulation of any stock exchange or other self-regulatory organization upon which any of the Receiving Party's securities are listed, or (ii) by request for information or documents in any legal proceeding, including, without limitation, Buyer Regulatory Approval and Seller Regulatory Approval processes, interrogatory, subpoena, civil investigative demand, or similar process or pursuant to any freedom of information or open meeting law applicable to any Seller) to disclose any Proprietary Information, the Receiving Party will notify the Disclosing Party promptly of the request or requirement so that the Disclosing Party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the provisions of this Section 7. If, in the absence of a protective order or the receipt of a waiver hereunder, the Receiving Party is, on the advice of counsel, compelled to disclose any Proprietary Information to any tribunal or else stand liable for contempt or to disclose any Proprietary Information to any Person in compliance with any freedom of information or open meeting law, the Receiving Party may disclose the Proprietary Information to the tribunal or such Person; provided, however, that the Receiving Party shall use its best efforts to obtain, at the request of the Disclosing Party and at the Disclosing Party's cost, a voluntary agreement or other assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to such portion of the Proprietary Information required to be disclosed as the Disclosing Party shall designate.

(b) After the Initial Closing Date, the Buyer will notify the Sellers of any information related to the Acquired Assets that was not confidential prior to the Initial Closing Date that the Buyer wishes to treat as Proprietary Information after the Initial Closing and the Sellers will treat such information as Proprietary Information after receiving such notice.

(c) The obligations of the Parties contained in this Section 7 shall remain in full force and effect for three (3) years from the date hereof and will survive the termination of this Agreement, the discharge of all other obligations owed by the Parties to each other and any transfer of title to the Acquired Assets. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties shall continue to keep confidential any information as required by applicable Laws.

(d) Upon the Disclosing Party's prior written approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld, the Receiving Party may provide Proprietary Information to the DPUC, the FERC, the NRC, the SEC, the United States Department of Justice, the United States Federal Trade Commission or any other Governmental Authority with jurisdiction, as necessary, to obtain any consents, waivers or approvals as may be required for the Parties to undertake the

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transactions contemplated hereby. The Receiving Party will seek confidential treatment for such Proprietary Information provided to any such Governmental Authority and the Receiving Party will notify the Disclosing Party as far in advance as is practicable of its intention to release to any such Governmental Authority any such Proprietary Information, so as to permit such Disclosing Party a reasonable opportunity to obtain a protective order.

(e) Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as precluding any Party from reporting or disclosing any information (i) to the NRC concerning any perceived safety issue within the NRC's regulatory jurisdiction, (ii) with the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party, or (iii) to its Affiliates, attorneys, financial advisors and accountants who are assisting such Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, provided that such Affiliates, attorneys, financial advisors and accountants acknowledge the provisions of this Section 7 and agree to be bound hereby.

#### 8. <u>Taxes</u>.

(a) All transfer and sales Taxes incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be borne by the Buyer, including, without limitation, Connecticut state sales tax and Connecticut and local real estate, transfer, personal property and conveyance taxes, and the Buyer, at its own expense, will file, to the extent required by applicable Laws, all necessary Tax Returns and other documentation with respect to all such Taxes, and, if required by applicable Laws, the Lead Participants and other Sellers, if required, will join in the execution of any such Tax Returns or other documentation. Prior to the Initial Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Dates, the Buyer will provide to the Required Sellers or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be, to the extent possible, an appropriate certificate of no tax due from each applicable taxing authority.

(b) With respect to Taxes to be prorated in accordance with Section 2.9, the Buyer shall prepare and timely file all Tax Returns required to be filed after the Closing Dates with respect to the Acquired Assets transferred as of such Closing Dates and shall duly and timely pay all such Taxes shown to be due on such Tax Returns. The Buyer's preparation of any such Tax Returns shall be subject to the Lead Participants' approval to the extent that such Tax Returns relate to any period, allocation or other amount for which the Sellers are responsible, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. No later than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to the due date of any such Tax Return, the Buyer shall make such Tax Return available for the Lead Participants' review and approval. Lead Participants shall respond no later than ten (10) Business Days prior to the due date for filing such Tax Return. With respect to such Tax Return, the Sellers shall pay to the Buyer their appropriate share of the amount shown as due on the Tax Returns determined in accordance with Section 2.9 of this Agreement.

(c) Each of the Buyer and the Sellers shall provide the other with such assistance as may reasonably be requested by the other Party in connection with the preparation of any Tax Return, any audit or other examination by any taxing authority, or any judicial or administrative proceedings relating to liability for Taxes, and each will retain and provide the requesting Party with any records or information which may be relevant to such Tax Return, audit or examination, proceedings or determination. Any information obtained pursuant to this Section 8 or pursuant to any other Section hereof providing for the sharing of information or review of any Tax Return or other schedule relating to Taxes shall be deemed to be and shall be Proprietary Information.

(d) In the event that a dispute arises between the Buyer and any Seller regarding Taxes or any amount due under this Section 8, the Buyer and the Lead Participants shall attempt in good faith to resolve such dispute and any agreed upon amount shall be promptly paid to the appropriate Party. If any such dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) days after notice thereof is given to any Party, upon the written request of any Party, the Parties shall submit the dispute to the Independent Accounting Firm for resolution, which resolution shall be final, binding and conclusive on such Parties, and the non-prevailing Party shall make payment of such Taxes or any amount due under this Section 8 with accrued interest, if any, within ten (10) days after the date of such resolution. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the fees and expenses of the Independent Accounting Firm in resolving the dispute shall be borne equally by the Buyer and the Lead Participants.

# 9. Non-Survival; Effect of Closing and Indemnification.

9.1. <u>Survival of Representation and Warranties; Survival Covenants and Agreements</u>. The representations and warranties of the Sellers, Lead Participants and NNECO set forth in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 and the representations and warranties of the Buyer set forth in Section 4 shall survive the Initial Closing for a period of the shorter of (x) eighteen (18) months from the Initial Closing or (y) twelve (12) months from the last Subsequent Closing to occur. The covenants of the Parties contained in this Agreement, other than those which by their terms survive any termination of this Agreement, shall terminate at such termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 10.

9.2. <u>Effect of Closing</u>. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Agreement, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties, upon the Initial Closing or any Subsequent Closing, as the case may be, any condition in favor of either the Buyer, the Required Sellers, or the Remaining Sellers, as the case may be (each, a "Closing Party" and collectively the "Closing Parties") that has not been satisfied will be deemed waived by the Closing Parties as of such Closing Date (but only with respect to those Closing Parties and such Closing Date and not to any other Closing Parties or any Subsequent Closing, and each Closing Party will be deemed to fully release and forever discharge the other Closing Parties with respect to the conditions precedent to Closing. Nothing in this Section 9.2 shall affect or cause to be waived the rights of the Buyer or the Sellers under Section 9.3 or 9.4 or with respect to those other matters specifically stated to survive or to occur after such Closing Date pursuant to this Agreement.

9.3. <u>Indemnity by Lead Participants</u>. The Lead Participants hereby jointly and severally agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Buyer, its Affiliates and any of their respective members, officers, directors and employees, agents and Representatives ("Buyer Indemnified Parties") against and in respect of all claims, Liabilities, obligations, judgments, Liens, injunctions, charges, orders, decrees, rulings, damages, dues, assessments, Taxes, losses, fines, penalties, damages, expenses, fees, costs, amounts paid in settlement (including reasonable attorneys' and expert witness fees and disbursements in connection with investigating, defending or settling any action or threatened action), arising out of any claim, complaint, demand, cause of action, action, audit, investigation, hearing, suit or other proceeding asserted or initiated or otherwise existing in respect of any matter (collectively, the "Losses"); provided that such Losses result or arise from:

(a) the untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness of any representation or warranty of any Seller, Lead Participants or NNECO contained in this Agreement or the Schedules hereto or in any document, writing, certificate or data delivered by such Seller, Lead Participants or NNECO under this Agreement; provided that Buyer's loss therefrom exceeds \$1,000,000 in the aggregate (except as expressly provided in clause (f) below);

(b) Liabilities of the Sellers (whether known or unknown) other than Assumed Liabilities, including, but not limited to, Excluded Liabilities (including any Excluded Liabilities retained by UI);

(c) any Third Party Claim against the Buyer Indemnified Parties based on or relating to the Sellers' ownership, operation or use of the Acquired Assets prior to the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, that is not an Assumed Liability;

(d) the Excluded Assets;

(e) any breach by any Seller, Lead Participant or NNECO of any covenant, agreement or obligation of such Seller, Lead Participant or NNECO contained in this Agreement or any certificate required to be delivered by such Seller, Lead Participant or NNECO pursuant to this Agreement, or any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent breach of representation or warranty inducing the Buyer to proceed to a Closing Date and causing any Buyer Indemnified Party to suffer Losses;

(f) the untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness of any representation or warranty of the Lead Participants or NNECO contained in Section 3.2(e)(iv) of this Agreement and any claims of any owners in Millstone Unit 3 against the Lead Participants, the Sellers or NNECO or any Affiliate thereof; provided, that the indemnity obligation in this clause (f) shall not be subject to the following limitations: (i) the \$1,000,000 threshold in clause (a) to the extent such threshold

would otherwise have applied to the representations contained in Section 3.2(e)(iv), (ii) the cap on liability set forth in Section 9.5 or (iii) the survival period set forth in Section 9.1; or

(g) any noncompliance with any bulk sales or fraudulent transfer laws in respect of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement or any of the Related Agreements.

9.4. <u>Indemnity by Buyer</u>. The Buyer hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Sellers and their Affiliates and any of their respective members, officers, directors and employees, agents and Representatives ("Seller Indemnified Parties") against and in respect of all Losses; provided that such Losses result or arise from:

(a) the untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness of any representation or warranty of the Buyer contained in this Agreement or the Schedules hereto or in any document, writing, certificate or data delivered by the Buyer under this Agreement; provided that Sellers' Loss therefrom exceeds \$1,000,000 in the aggregate;

(b) any Third Party Claim against the Seller Indemnified Parties based on or relating to the Buyer's ownership, operation or use of the Acquired Assets after the Initial Closing Date and any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, that is not an Excluded Liability;

(c) any Third Party Claim arising out of, or related to the contracts, warranties or guaranties, or any other agreements that have been properly transferred or assigned to the Buyer by any Seller, except to the extent the Third Party Claim arises out of events occurring on or prior to the Initial Closing Date or the Subsequent Closing Date on which such Seller transferred its Ownership Share, as the case may be;

(d) the Assumed Liabilities; or

(e) any breach by the Buyer of any covenant, agreement or obligation of the Buyer contained in this Agreement or any certificate required to be delivered by the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement, or any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent breach of representation or warranty inducing the Seller to proceed to a Closing and causing any Seller Indemnified Party to suffer Losses.

9.5. <u>Exclusive and Limited Remedies</u>. Except for the dispute resolution process as set forth in Section 12 and the termination rights under Section 10, from and after the Initial Closing Date, the remedies set forth in this Section 9 shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for any and all claims, damages, complaints, demands, causes of action, investigations, hearings, actions, suits or other proceedings relating to this Agreement and are in lieu of any and all other rights and remedies which the Sellers or the Buyer may have under this Agreement or otherwise for

monetary relief with respect to any breach or failure to perform or with respect to the Assumed Liabilities or Excluded Liabilities. Each Party waives any provision of law to the extent that it would limit or restrict the agreements contained in this Section 9. Nothing herein shall prevent the Buyer or the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, from terminating this Agreement in accordance with Section 10. The maximum aggregate exposure for indemnity by the Buyer or the Lead Participants for any and all claims of breach of express warranties or representations hereunder and indemnification of claims relating thereto shall be \$20,000,000; provided, however, that in the event such breach of representation or warranty arises under Section 9.3(e) or 9.4(e) on the basis of any intentional misrepresentation or fraud inducing a Party to proceed to Closing, such limitation shall not apply. Subject to the obligations of the Parties under this Section 9 to indemnify any other Person for losses arising from a Third Party claim or liability, no Party shall be entitled to recover lost profits, consequential, indirect, punitive or exemplary damages in regard to any claim against the other Party.

### 9.6. Notice; Defense of Claims.

(a) The Party which is entitled to indemnification hereunder (for purposes of this Section 9.6, the "Indemnified Party") may make claims for indemnification hereunder by giving written notice thereof to the Party required to indemnify (for purposes of this Section 9.6, the "Indemnifying Party") within the period in which indemnification claims can be made hereunder. If indemnification is sought for a claim or liability asserted by a Third Party, the Indemnified Party shall also give written notice thereof to the Indemnifying Party promptly after it receives notice of the claim or liability being asserted, but the failure to do so, or any delay in doing so, shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party from any liability, unless, and then only to the extent that, the rights and remedies of the Indemnifying Party are prejudiced as a result of the failure to give, or delay in giving, such notice. Such notice shall summarize the bases for the claim for indemnification and any claim or liability being asserted by a Third Party. Within thirty (30) days after receiving such notice, the Indemnifying Party shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party stating whether it disputes the claim for indemnification and whether it will defend against any Third Party Claim or liability at its own cost and expense. If the Indemnifying Party fails to give notice to the Indemnified Party that it disputes an indemnification claim within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof it shall be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the claim, which shall become immediately due and payable.

(b) The Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to direct the defense against a Third Party claim or litigation with counsel selected by it (subject to the consent of the Indemnified Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), as long as (i) the Indemnifying Party notifies the Indemnified Party in writing within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the Third Party Claim that the Indemnifying Party will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indemnified Party from and against the entirety of any Losses the Indemnified Party may suffer resulting from, arising out of, relating to, in the nature of, or caused by the Third Party Claim, (ii) the Indemnifying Party will have the financial resources to defend against the Third

Party Claim and fulfill its indemnification obligations hereunder, (iii) the Third Party Claim involves only money damages and does not seek an injunction or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party, and (iv) settlement of, or any adverse judgment with respect to, the third Party Claim, in the good faith judgment of the Indemnified Party, is not likely to establish a precedential custom or practice adverse to the continuing business interests of the Indemnified Party, and (v) the Indemnifying Party is conducting a good faith and diligent defense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations of the Indemnifying Party hereunder as to such Third Party claim or litigation shall include taking all steps reasonably necessary in the defense, settlement, or compromise of such claim or litigation and holding the Indemnified Party harmless from and against any and all Losses caused by or arising out of any settlement or compromise approved by the Indemnifying Party or any judgment in connection with such claim or litigation. The Indemnifying Party shall not, in the defense of such Third Party claim or any litigation resulting therefrom, consent to entry of any judgment (other than a judgment of dismissal on the merits without costs) except with the written consent of the Indemnified Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), or enter into any settlement or compromise (except with the written consent of the Indemnified Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) which does not include as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant or the plaintiff to the Indemnified Party a full release from all liability in respect of such claim or litigation. The Indemnified Party shall at all times have the right to fully participate in the defense of a Third Party claim or liability at its own expense directly or through counsel; provided, however, that if the named parties to the action or proceeding include both the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Party and the Indemnified Party is advised by counsel that representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate under applicable standards of professional conduct, the Indemnified Party may engage one separate counsel at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.

(c) If the Indemnifying Party does not give notice of its intent to dispute and defend a Third Party claim or liability or litigation resulting therefrom after receipt of notice from the Indemnified Party, or if such good faith and diligent defense is not being or ceases to be conducted by the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party shall have the right, at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, to undertake the defense of such claim or liability in such manner as it deems appropriate (with counsel selected by the Indemnified Party and reasonably acceptable to the Indemnifying Party), and to compromise or settle such claim or litigation on such terms as it may deem appropriate, exercising reasonable business judgment.

(d) The Indemnifying Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnified Party for all Losses incurred by the Indemnified Party in connection with the defense against such claim or litigation, whether or not resulting from, arising out of, or incurred with respect to, the act of a Third Party.

(e) The Indemnified Party shall make available such information and assistance in connection with the defense by the Indemnifying Party, as the Indemnifying Party may reasonably

request and shall cooperate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.

(f) The expiration or termination of any representation or warranty shall not affect the Parties' obligations under this Section 9 if the Indemnified Party provided the Indemnifying Party with proper notice of the claim or event for which indemnification is sought prior to such expiration, termination or extinguishment.

9.7. <u>Net of Taxes and Insurance</u>. Any calculation of a Loss under this Section 9 shall, in each case, give full effect to (a) any and all income Tax benefits and costs to the Indemnified Party in respect of the Loss to the extent realized by the Indemnified Party but such amounts shall be increased to give effect to income Taxes attributable to the receipt of any indemnification payment hereunder, and (b) any and all insurance or other proceeds actually received by the Indemnified Party in respect of the Loss. Any Party seeking indemnity hereunder shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts to seek coverage for both costs of defense and indemnity under applicable insurance policies.

Release. Except as provided in Section 9.3, the Buyer hereby releases, holds 9.8. harmless and forever discharges the Sellers from any and all claims, damages, complaints, demands, causes of action, investigations, hearings, actions, suits or other proceedings of any kind or character whether known or unknown, hidden or concealed resulting from or arising from any Environmental Liability with respect to the purchase hereunder of the Acquired Assets, except for the Environmental Liabilities retained by the Sellers pursuant to Section 2.4(c). The Buyer hereby waives any and all rights and benefits that it now has, or in the future may have conferred upon it with respect to any Environmental Claim it may have as contemplated by the preceding sentence by virtue of any statute or common law principle which provides that a general release does not extend to claims which a Party does not know or suspect to exist in its favor at the time of such release, which if known, would have materially affected such Party's settlement with the other Party. In this connection, the Buyer hereby acknowledges that factual matters now unknown to it with respect to the purchase hereunder of the Acquired Assets may have given or may hereafter give rise to claims, damages, complaints, demands, causes of action, investigations, hearings, actions, suits or other proceedings that are presently unknown, unanticipated and unsuspected, and it further agrees that this Section 9.8 has been negotiated and agreed upon in light of that awareness and it nevertheless hereby intends to release the Sellers as set forth in the first sentence of this Section 9.8.

9.9. <u>No Recourse</u>. To the extent the transfer, conveyance, assignment and delivery of the Acquired Assets to the Buyer as provided in this Agreement is accomplished by deeds, assignments, easements, leases, licenses, bills of sale, or other instruments of transfer and conveyance, whether executed on the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, or thereafter, such instruments are made without representation or warranty by, or

recourse against, the Sellers, except as expressly provided in this Agreement or in any such instrument.

#### 10. Termination.

10.1. <u>Termination of Agreement</u>. The Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, may terminate this Agreement as provided below:

(a) The Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves, may terminate this Agreement by mutual written consent at any time prior to the Initial Closing Date.

(b) The Buyer and the Lead Participants, on behalf of the Remaining Sellers, if any, at the written authorization and direction of such Remaining Sellers, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Buyer, may terminate this Agreement with respect to those Remaining Sellers who have not transferred their Ownership Shares at a Subsequent Closing, by mutual written consent at any time during the period following the Initial Closing and prior to a Subsequent Closing with respect to such Remaining Sellers.

(c) The Buyer may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Lead Participants or any other Sellers, as the case may be, at any time prior to the Initial Closing Date or any Subsequent Closing Date, as the case may be, if any of the following has occurred:

(i) any Required Seller or Remaining Seller, as the case may be, has breached any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, and the Buyer has notified the Lead Participants of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of sixty (60) days after the notice of breach <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Buyer shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (i) if such breach can be cured within a reasonable additional time period, in which case such Seller shall have, within such sixty (60) day period, commenced and diligently continued, in good faith, actions to cure such breach within a reasonable time period, which period shall in no event (A) in the case of the Required Sellers, exceed twelve (12) months from the Effective Date, or (B) in the case of the Remaining Sellers, exceed eighteen (18) months from the Effective Date;

(ii) (A) in the case of the Initial Closing, the Initial Closing shall not have occurred on or before a date which is eight (8) months and fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date, which date shall be extended to a date which is twelve (12) months from the Effective Date if the Initial Closing shall not have occurred due to failure of any condition precedent under Section 6.1, unless such condition precedent cannot reasonably be expected to be satisfied within such additional period, or (B) in the case of any

Subsequent Closing, such Subsequent Closing shall not have occurred on or before a date which is nine (9) months from the Effective Date, which date shall be extended to a date which is no more than eighteen (18) months from the Effective Date, if such Subsequent Closing shall not have occurred due to failure of any condition precedent under Section 6.1, unless such condition precedent cannot reasonably be expected to be satisfied within such additional period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Buyer shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (ii) if such failure results primarily from the breach by the Buyer of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement;

(iii) any Buyer Regulatory Approvals shall have been finally denied or shall have been granted subject to terms or conditions that, in such Buyer's reasonable determination, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on the Buyer or its Affiliates, and all appeals of such determination shall have been taken and have been unsuccessful;

(iv) one or more courts of competent jurisdiction shall have issued an order, judgment or decree permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby, which order, judgment or decree shall have become final and non-appealable;

(v) any statute, rule or regulation shall have been enacted or promulgated by any Governmental Authority which, directly or indirectly, prohibits the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby;

(vi) the Buyer elects to terminate the Agreement in accordance with Section 5.11(d); or

(vii) (A) any Seller has within the then-previous fifteen (15) days given the Buyer any notice pursuant to Section 5.5(a), (B) the Buyer has notified the Lead Participants of its intent to terminate pursuant to this Section 10.1(c)(vii), and (C) the matter that is the subject of such notice continues to exist for a period of 30 days after such notice by the Buyer without such Seller having commenced and diligently continued in good faith actions to cure such matter within a reasonable time.

(d) The Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Buyer at any time prior to the Initial Closing if any of the following has occurred:

(i) the Buyer has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, and the Lead Participants have notified the Buyer of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of sixty (60) days after the notice of breach; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Lead Participants shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (i) if the Buyer shall have, within such sixty (60)-day period, commenced and diligently continued in good faith actions to cure such breach within a reasonable time which period shall in no event exceed twelve (12) months from the Effective Date;

(ii) the Initial Closing shall not have occurred on or before a date which is eight (8) months and fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date, which date shall be extended to a date which is twelve (12) months from the Effective Date if the Closing shall not have occurred due to failure of any condition precedent under Section 6.2, unless such condition precedent cannot reasonably be expected to be satisfied within such additional period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Lead Participants shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (ii) if such failure results primarily from the breach by any Seller or Lead Participant of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement;

(iii) any Seller Regulatory Approvals shall have been finally denied or shall have been granted subject to terms or conditions that in the Lead Participants' reasonable determination, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on any Seller or its Affiliates, and all appeals of such determination shall have been taken and have been unsuccessful;

(iv) one or more courts of competent jurisdiction shall have issued an order, judgment or decree permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby, which order, judgment or decree shall have become final and non-appealable;

(v) any statute, rule or regulation shall have been enacted or promulgated by any Governmental Authority which, directly or indirectly, prohibits the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby; or

(vi) (A) the Buyer has within the then-previous fifteen (15) days given the Lead Participants any notice pursuant to Section 5.5(b), (B) Lead Participants for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, have notified the Buyer of their intent to terminate pursuant to this Section 10.1(d)(vi), and (C) the matter that is the subject of such notice continues to exist for a period of thirty (30) days after such notice by the Lead Participants without the Buyer having commenced and diligently continued in good faith actions to cure such matter within a reasonable time; or (e) the Lead Participants on behalf of the Remaining Sellers, if any, at the written authorization and direction of such Remaining Sellers, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Buyer, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Buyer at any time following the Initial Closing and prior to any Subsequent Closing if any of the following has occurred:

(i) The Buyer has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, and the Lead Participants have notified the Buyer of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of sixty (60) days after the notice of breach; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Lead Participants shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (i) if the Buyer shall have, within such sixty (60)-day period, commenced and diligently continued in good faith actions to cure such breach within a reasonable time which period shall in no event exceed twelve (12) months from the Effective Date;

(ii) Such Subsequent Closing shall not have occurred on or before a date which is nine (9) months from the Effective Date, which date shall be extended to a date which is eighteen (18) months from the Effective Date if such Subsequent Closing shall not have occurred due to failure of any condition precedent under Section 6.2, unless such condition precedent cannot reasonably be expected to be satisfied within such additional period; provided, however, that the Lead Participants shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this clause (ii) if such failure results primarily from the breach by any Remaining Seller of any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement;

(iii) any Seller Regulatory Approvals shall have been finally denied or shall have been granted subject to terms or conditions that in such Lead Participant's reasonable determination, either singly or in the aggregate, are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on such Seller, and all appeals of such determination shall have been taken and have been unsuccessful;

(iv) one or more courts of competent jurisdiction shall have issued an order, judgment or decree permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby, which order, judgment or decree shall have become final and non-appealable;

(v) any statute, rule or regulation shall have been enacted or promulgated by any Governmental Authority which, directly or indirectly, prohibits the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby; or

(vi) (A) the Buyer has within the then-previous fifteen (15) days given the Lead Participants any notice pursuant to Section 5.5(b), (B) the Lead Participants, on

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behalf of the other Sellers, have notified the Buyer of their intent to terminate pursuant to this Section 10.1(e)(vi), and (C) the matter that is the subject of such notice continues to exist for a period of thirty (30) days after such notice by the Sellers without the Buyer having commenced and diligently continued in good faith actions to cure such matter within a reasonable time; or

(f) It is expressly understood and agreed that in the event the Initial Closing has not occurred by the dates set forth in Sections 10.1(c)(ii) and 10.1(d)(ii), without regard to any extensions relating to Buyer Regulatory Approvals or Seller Regulatory Approvals as set forth therein, the Parties reserve the right to renegotiate any provisions of this Agreement which may be materially affected by such passage of time.

10.2. <u>Effect of Termination</u>. If either Party terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 10.1, all rights and obligations of the Sellers whose Closing has not occurred and the Buyer (with respect to such Sellers) shall terminate without any Liability of any Party to any other Party (except for any Liability of any Party then in breach and except as provided in Section 9.1 and Section 7, which Liability, and any corresponding rights and obligations of the affected Parties shall survive any such termination).

### 11. Miscellaneous.

11.1. <u>Press Releases and Public Announcements</u>. The Buyer shall not issue or make, or allow to be issued or made, any press release or make any public announcement relating to the subject matter of this Agreement without the prior approval of the Lead Participants; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that either Party may make any public disclosure it believes in good faith is required by applicable Law, or any listing or trading agreement concerning its publicly-traded securities (in which case the disclosing Party, to the extent possible, shall provide the other Party with the opportunity to review in advance the disclosure). No Seller shall issue or make, or allow to be issued or made, any press release or make any public announcement relating to the subject matter of this Agreement without the prior approval of the Lead Participants and the Buyer; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Seller may make any public disclosure it believes in good faith is required by applicable Law, or any listing or trading agreement concerning its publicly-traded securities (in which case the disclosing Party, to the extent possible, shall provide the other Party with the opportunity to review in advance the disclosure it believes in good faith is required by applicable Law, or any listing or trading agreement concerning its publicly-traded securities (in which case the disclosing Party, to the extent possible, shall provide the other Party with the opportunity to review in advance the disclosure).

11.2. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any Third Party.

11.3. <u>No Joint Venture</u>. Nothing in this Agreement creates or is intended to create an association, trust, partnership, joint venture or other entity or similar legal relationship among the Parties, or impose a trust, partnership or fiduciary duty, obligation, or liability on or with respect

to the Parties. Except as expressly provided herein, none of the Parties is or shall act as or be the agent or representative of any of the other Parties. It is expressly agreed and acknowledged that the Lead Participants act as the agent of the Sellers pursuant to the Authorization Agreements and any and all actions taken by the Lead Participants, or any agreement or covenant entered into by the Lead Participants under this Agreement shall be binding upon all the Sellers and the Buyer may rely upon any such action, agreement or covenant of the Lead Participants, as the act, agreement or covenant of the Sellers.

11.4. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including the Related Agreements and any other documents incorporated by reference herein, constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or among the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they related in any way to the subject matter hereof. All conflicts or inconsistencies between the terms hereof and the terms of any of the Related Agreements, if any, shall be resolved in favor of this Agreement.

Succession and Assignment. This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall 11.5. be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, but neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned by any Party, including by operation of law, without the prior written consent of the other Parties, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, nor is this Agreement intended to confer upon any other Person except the Parties any rights, interests, benefits, obligations or remedies hereunder. Any assignment in contravention of the foregoing sentence shall be null and void and without legal effect on the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder. No provision of this Agreement shall create any third party beneficiary rights in any employee or former employee of any Seller (including any beneficiary or dependent thereof) in respect of continued employment or resumed employment, and no provision of this Agreement shall create any rights in any such Persons in respect of any benefits that may be provided, directly or indirectly, under any employee benefit plan or arrangement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to all applicable Laws, (i) the Buyer or its permitted assignee may assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of (absolutely or as security) its rights and interests hereunder to a trustee, lending institutions or other party for the purposes of leasing, financing or refinancing the Acquired Assets, and (ii) the Buyer or its permitted assignee may assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of (absolutely or as security) its rights and interests hereunder to an Affiliate of the Buyer; provided, however, except as set forth in the following sentence, in each case that no such assignment shall relieve or discharge the assigning Party from any of its obligations hereunder or shall be made if it would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede, interfere with or delay the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or materially increase the cost of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, immediately prior to the Initial Closing, Dominion Resources, Inc. may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to an Affiliate thereof pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Lead Participants, and upon such assignment and the delivery of the Acceptable Guaranty for the benefit of the Remaining Sellers, if any, Dominion Resources, Inc. shall be released of all liability and obligation hereunder and such assignee shall thereafter be deemed in all respects the Buyer for all purposes of this Agreement.

Each Party agrees, at the assigning Party's expense, to execute and deliver such documents as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish any such assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of rights and interests hereunder so long as the nonassigning Party's rights under this Agreement are not thereby materially altered, amended, diminished or otherwise impaired. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the rights or obligations acquired hereunder by the Buyer or the Sellers be conveyed to any Third Party, directly or indirectly, pursuant to the exercise of a right of first refusal under the Sharing Agreement.

11.6. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

11.7. *Headings*. The section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

11.8. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands, consents, authorizations, claims, and other communications hereunder must be in writing. Any notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication hereunder shall be deemed duly given (a) upon confirmation of facsimile, (b) one (1) Business Day following the date sent when sent by overnight delivery and (c) five (5) Business Days following the date mailed when mailed by registered or certified mail return receipt requested and postage prepaid at the following address:

If to the Sellers:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut 06037 Attn: Vice President - Administration

Copy to:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut 06037 Attn: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

If to the Buyer:

Dominion Resources, Inc. 120 Tredegar Street Richmond, VA 23219 Attn: James K. Martin Vice President, Business Development Copy to:

Dominion Resources, Inc. 120 Tredegar Street Richmond, VA 23219 Attn: Christine Schwab Managing Counsel

McGuireWoods, LLP 901 East Cary Street Richmond, VA 23219 Attn: Michael J. Schewel

Any Party may send any notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication hereunder to the intended recipient at the address set forth above using any other means (including personal delivery, expedited courier, messenger service, telecopy, telex, ordinary mail, or electronic mail), but no such notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly given unless and until it actually is received by the intended recipient. Any Party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other Parties notice in the manner herein set forth.

11.9. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of the State of Connecticut without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of Connecticut or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Connecticut.

11.10. <u>Change in Law</u>. If and to the extent that, during the Interim Period, any laws or regulations that govern any aspect of this Agreement shall change, so as to make any aspect of this transaction unlawful, then the Parties agree to make such modifications to this Agreement as may be reasonably necessary for this Agreement to accommodate any such legal or regulatory changes, without materially changing the overall benefits or consideration expected hereunder by either party.

11.11. <u>Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. Subject to and without limiting the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Section 12, each of the Sellers and the Buyer consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any state or federal court within the City of Hartford, Connecticut for adjudication of any suit, claim, action or other proceeding at law or in equity relating to this Agreement, or to any transaction contemplated hereby. Each of the Sellers and the Buyer accepts, generally and unconditionally, the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the aforesaid courts and waive any objection as to venue, and any defense of *forum non conveniens*.

11.12. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Buyer and the Sellers. No

waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, shall be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

11.13. <u>Severability</u>. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is held invalid or unenforceable in any situation shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement may be enforced only to the extent that such enforcement in the absence of any invalid terms and provisions would not result in (a) deprivation of a Party of a material aspect of its original bargain upon execution of this Agreement or any Related Agreement, (b) unjust enrichment of a Party, or (c) any other manifestly unfair or inequitable result.

11.14. *Expenses.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each of the Sellers and the Buyer will each bear its own costs and expenses (including legal and accounting fees and expenses) incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

11.15. <u>Construction</u>. Ambiguities or uncertainties in the wording of this Agreement will not be construed for or against any Party. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel in connection with the review and execution of this Agreement, and, accordingly, there shall be no presumption that this Agreement or any provision hereof be construed against the Party that drafted this Agreement or any portion hereof.

11.16. *Incorporation of Exhibits and Schedules*. The Exhibits and Schedules identified in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

11.17. <u>Specific Performance</u>. Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that the other Parties would be damaged irreparably in the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are not performed in accordance with their specific terms or otherwise are breached. Accordingly, each of the Parties agrees that the other Parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of the provisions of this Agreement and to enforce specifically this Agreement and the terms and provisions hereof in any action instituted in any court of the United States or any state thereof having jurisdiction over the Parties and the matter in addition to any other remedy to which it may be entitled, at law or in equity.

11.18. <u>Dispute Negotiation</u>. Prior to instituting any arbitration or other dispute resolution as provided herein, the Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or claim by referring any such matter within ten (10) days of written notice of any such dispute or claim, to their respective chief executive officers for resolution. The chief executive officers of the relevant Parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute or claim within thirty (30) days.

11.19. <u>Good Faith Covenant</u>. The Parties agree that their actions and dealings with each other shall be subject to an express covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

11.20. <u>Set-Off</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, in the event a Party shall be delinquent in the payment of any sum due any other Parties under any note, this Agreement or any Related Agreement, in addition to and without waiving any other remedies hereunder, the Party to whom the obligation is owed shall be entitled to set off any sums due from the delinquent Party under this Agreement or any Related Agreement, or any other obligations of the delinquent Party, in full or partial satisfaction of such sum due from the delinquent Party.

11.21. <u>Bulk Transfer Act</u>. The Parties hereby waive compliance with the bulk sales act or comparable statutory provisions of each applicable jurisdiction.

11.22. <u>Release and Settlement Agreements</u>. The Buyer acknowledges receipt of copies of the Release and Settlement Agreements and the terms thereof regarding certain agreements among the Sellers with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Related Agreements.

#### 12. Dispute Resolution and Arbitration.

Dispute Resolution. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement or any of the 12.1. Related Agreements, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby involving a monetary claim of less than \$50,000, or at the election of the Lead Participants and the Buyer, except as otherwise provided herein or therein, shall be submitted to binding dispute resolution in the following manner. Within ten (10) days following receipt of a written request by one Party to the other, the Lead Participants and the Buyer will each select one representative with the particular knowledge and expertise relevant to the technical, financial or other matter in dispute (the "Dispute Representative") to serve on a dispute resolution panel (the "Panel"). Each Party will notify the other in writing of its Dispute Representative within such ten (10) day period. Within ten (10) days following the selection of the Dispute Representatives, the Dispute Representatives shall mutually agree upon the selection of a third member of the Panel who shall also possess the particular knowledge and expertise relevant to the subject matter of the dispute. If the Dispute Representatives cannot agree on the selection of a third member of the Panel within ten (10) days after their selection, they will obtain a list of qualified individuals from a mutually agreeable professional association or society and each shall have the option of removing names from such list until an acceptable individual is selected as the third member of the Panel. If necessary, this process will be repeated until an acceptable individual is selected as the third member of the Panel. Within fifteen (15) days after the selection of the third member of the Panel, the Buyer and the Lead Participants will agree upon a process which is appropriate for the resolution of the dispute, including the presentation of live testimony or documentary evidence, as they deem appropriate, and shall further agree upon such other procedures, such as the presentation of summation papers or closing argument, as they deem appropriate. The Panel will render a binding decision no later than thirty (30) days following the selection of the third member of such Panel, unless the Parties agree upon an extension of such thirty (30)-day period. The decision of the Panel shall be final and binding on all Parties. All dispute resolution proceedings shall be held in Hartford, Connecticut. All documents, information and other evidence produced for or in connection with such proceeding shall be held in confidence by the Parties. Each Party shall bear the compensation and expenses of its chosen Dispute Representative, and the expenses of the third member of the Panel shall be borne equally by the Buyer, on the one hand, and the Sellers, on the other hand. Each Party shall bear the compensation and expenses of its legal counsel, witnesses and employees.

12.2. <u>Arbitration</u>. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement or any Related Agreements, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby that is not subject to Section 12.1 or resolved under Section 11.8 or Section 12.1 or otherwise, shall be settled by arbitration administered by American Arbitration Association under the Commercial Arbitration Rules (the "Commercial Arbitration Rules"). The arbitration tribunal shall be composed of three arbitrators (one arbitrator selected by each Party with the third selected by the other two arbitrators). The arbitration proceedings shall be held in Hartford, Connecticut. The decision, judgment and order of the arbitration tribunal shall be final, binding and conclusive as to the Parties involved in such dispute, and their respective Affiliates, and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. All documents, information and other evidence produced for or in connection with such arbitration proceedings shall be held in confidence by the Parties. Other than the fees and expenses of the arbitrators, which shall be shared equally by the Parties, each Party shall bear the compensation and expenses of its own legal counsel, witnesses and employees.

### 13. Definitions.

"Acceptable Credit Support" means an Acceptable Guaranty.

"Acceptable Guarantor" means any Person with a rating of its long-term unsecured debt obligations of not less than both BBB- by S&P and Baa3 by Moody's.

"Acceptable Guaranty" means a guaranty issued by an Acceptable Guarantor, guaranteeing to the Remaining Sellers the obligations of the Buyer after the Initial Closing (a) to pay the unpaid portion of the Facilities Purchase Price and the Fuel Purchase Price and (b) to perform the Buyer's obligations under the Sharing Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit <u>H</u> attached hereto.

"Acquired Assets" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

"Acquired Assets Employee Records" means all personnel records maintained by Sellers, wherever located and whether existing in hard copy or electronic format relating to the Acquired Assets Employees, including, but not limited to (a) names, addresses, dates of birth, job titles and descriptions; (b) starting dates of employment; (c) salary and benefits information; (d) resumes, job applications and biographies; (e) Occupational Safety and Health Administration reports (or the equivalent); (f) active medical restriction forms; (g) fitness for duty and disciplinary action information; (h) skill and development training; (i) seniority histories; (j) access authorization information and (k) any other documents relating to Acquired Assets Employees.

"Acquired Assets Employees" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"ACS Trigger Event" means at any time, the rating of the long-term senior secured obligations of the Lead Participants shall be less than either BBB- by S&P or Baa3 by Moody's.

"Act of Bankruptcy" means the filing of a petition in bankruptcy (or other commencement of a bankruptcy or similar proceeding) by or against the Buyer under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law, whether federal or state, as now or hereafter in effect.

"Affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 of the regulations promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement, together with the Schedules and Exhibits hereto, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"ANI" means American Nuclear Insurers.

"Announcement Date" means August 7, 2000.

*"Application"* means all necessary or appropriate actions to request NRC approval in respect of a Transfer of License for a Facility, including a change in the operator of such Facility.

*"Asset Demarcation Agreement"* means the Asset Demarcation Agreement between the Buyer and the Lead Participants, for themselves and on behalf of the other Sellers, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

"Assignment and Assumption Agreement" means the Assignment and Assumption Agreement between the Buyer and the relevant party thereto, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

"Associate Participants" has the meaning set forth in the Sharing Agreement.

"Assumed Liabilities" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Atomic Energy Act" means the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 2011 et seq., or any successor statute.

*"Authorization Agreements"* means those agreements between CL&P and another Seller, in which such other Seller has appointed CL&P as its agent for the purposes of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Related Agreements.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code entitled "Bankruptcy", as now or hereafter in effect, or any successor statute.

"Bill of Sale" means the Bill of Sale, in substantially the form of Exhibit B attached hereto.

"Bond Counsel" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(d)(ii).

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or day on which banks are legally closed for business in New York, New York.

"Business Plan" means the program of NNECO referred to as "Focus 2000".

"Buyer" has the meaning set forth in the preamble above, and includes any Person who becomes the Buyer pursuant to Section 11.5.

"Buyer Indemnified Parties" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.3.

"Buyer Regulatory Approvals" means those approvals identified on Schedule 6.1(c) attached hereto to be obtained by the Buyer as a condition to the Buyer's obligations under this Agreement.

"Buyer's Decommissioning Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10.

"Buyer's Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(a).

"Buyer's Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(c).

"Buyer's Qualified Decommissioning Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(a).

"Buyer's Representative" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.4.

"Cash" means cash and cash equivalents (including marketable securities and short term investments) calculated in accordance with GAAP.

"C.G.S." means Connecticut General Statutes.

"CL&P" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"Closing" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.10.

"Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.10.

"Closing Party" and "Closing Parties" have the meanings as set forth in Section 9.2.

"CMLP" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"CMP" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"COBRA" means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Cold and Dark" means that Millstone Unit 1 has been placed in a SAFSTOR condition (as defined in Article 1.14 of the Entergy Contract) and includes completion of the following activities: (i) all Millstone Unit 1 systems, other than those required to support the spent fuel pool cooling or, as appropriate, continuing decommissioning activities including SAFSTOR, shall be deenergized, drained of fluids, and placed in a secure and stable configuration; (ii) all loose waste, debris and hazardous or flammable materials for Millstone Unit 1 have been removed, (iii) all plant separation projects for Millstone Unit 1 have been completed, and (iv) Millstone Unit 1 has been placed in a safe and secure storage condition.

"Cold and Dark Adjustment" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(d).

"Collective Bargaining Agreements" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(h).

"Commercial Arbitration Rules" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.2.

"Commercially Reasonable Efforts" means efforts which are designed to enable a Party, directly or indirectly, to satisfy its obligations hereunder or otherwise assist in the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and which do not require the performing Party to expend any funds or assume liabilities other than expenditures and liabilities which are customary and reasonable in nature and amount in transactions of the kind and nature contemplated by this Agreement.

"Contested Proceeding" when used in connection with a Transfer of License, means a proceeding commenced by the issuance of a "notice of hearing" under 10 C.F.R. Section 2.104 or Section 2.105 Subsection (e)(2), as the case may be.

"Coordination Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3(a).

"Decommissioning" means the complete retirement and removal of the Facilities from service and the restoration of the Site of such Facility, as well as any planning and administrative activities incidental thereto, including but not limited to (a) the dismantlement, decontamination and/or safe storage of the Facilities, in whole or in part, and any reduction or removal, whether before or after termination of the applicable NRC License, of radioactivity at the Site, and (b) all activities, necessary for the retirement, dismantlement, and decontamination of the Facilities to comply with all applicable requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, the NRC's rules, regulations, orders and pronouncements thereunder, the NRC Licenses, any related decommissioning plan, Environmental Laws and other applicable Laws.

"Decommissioning Funds" means the Qualified Decommissioning Funds and the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds.

"Decommissioning Trust Agreements" means for each Facility, the Trust Agreement dated December 1, 1999 among CL&P and WMECO, and Mellon Bank, N.A., as Trustee.

"Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount" means the amount determined pursuant to Section 5.10(b).

"Decommissioning Trusts" means the irrevocable trusts created pursuant to the Decommissioning Trust Agreement, consisting of assets held in Qualified Decommissioning Funds and Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds.

"Deed" means the Deed for the Real Property and Improvements substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

"DEP" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.12.

"Disclosing Party" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Proprietary Information".

"Dispute Representative" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.1.

"Disqualification Event" means any amendment to the Decommissioning Trust Agreements which, assuming that the Qualified Decommissioning Funds were not disqualified at the Closing Date, would disqualify such Qualified Decommissioning Funds under (a) Section 468A of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder as in effect on the Closing Date; (b) any final, temporary or proposed regulations published by the Department of Treasury; or (c) any other written guidance published by the IRS.

"Divestiture Site Manager" means the project manager for the Millstone divestiture.

"DOE" means the U.S. Department of Energy or any successor thereto.

"DOE Acceptable Credit Support" means (a) a DOE Acceptable Letter of Credit or (b) a DOE Acceptable Guaranty.

"DOE Acceptable Guarantor" means a Person with a rating of its long-term unsecured debt obligations of not less than both BBB-by S&P and Baa3 by Moody's.

"DOE Acceptable Guaranty" means a guaranty issued by a DOE Acceptable Guarantor, substantially in the form of Exhibit M attached hereto.

"DOE Acceptable Letter of Credit" means an irrevocable, unconditional standby letter of credit issued by an Eligible Financial Institution for the benefit of the Buyer having a drawing amount which shall be at least equal to the Estimated DOE Payment Amount that is payable or negotiable at an office of the Issuing Bank (or a corresponding bank thereof) in New York City, Connecticut or such other place as shall be acceptable to the Buyer.

"DOE Contract Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.18.

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"DOE Payment Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.18.

"DOE Payment Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.18.

"DOE Standard Contracts" means the Contracts for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High Level Radioactive Waste, Nos. DE-CR-01-83NE44399.000, DE-CR-01-83NE44467.000 and DE-CR-01-83NE44468.000, dated as of June 30, 1983, between the United States of America, represented by the United States Department of Energy, and the Seller or its Affiliate.

"Dollars" or "\$" means lawful currency of the United States of America.

"DPUC" means the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control.

"DTC Guarantee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(d)(ii).

"Effective Date" means the date on which this Agreement has been duly executed and validly delivered by the Parties.

"Eligible Acquired Assets Employees" means an Acquired Assets Employee whose age is between 50 and 54 as of the Announcement Date, and whose age plus years of credited service as determined under the Plan as of such Announcement Date equals or exceeds 65.

*"Eligible Financial Institution"* means a banking or other financial institution, the long term senior unsecured debt obligations of which is rated at least AA by S&P or Aa2 by Moody's.

"Emergency Preparedness Agreements" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(m).

"Emergency Preparedness Assets" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(m).

"Employee Benefit Plan" means any (a) nonqualified deferred compensation or retirement plan or arrangement which is an Employee Pension Benefit Plan, (b) qualified defined contribution retirement plan or arrangement which is an Employee Pension Benefit Plan, (c) qualified defined benefit retirement plan or arrangement which is an Employee Pension Benefit Plan, (d) Employee Welfare Benefit Plan or material fringe benefit plan, program or arrangement or (e) profit sharing, bonus, stock option, stock purchase, equity, stock appreciation, deferred compensation, incentive, severance plan or other benefit plan.

"Employee Pension Benefit Plan" has the meaning set forth in ERISA Section 3 Subsection (2).

"Employee Welfare Benefit Plan" has the meaning set forth in ERISA Section 3 Subsection (1).

"Entergy Contract" means the Decommissioning Management Agreement, dated as of May 14, 1999, between NNECO and Entergy Nuclear, Inc., as amended by memorandum dated November 18, 1999 and by letters dated December 2, 1999 and December 15, 1999. "Environment" means soil, land surface or subsurface strata, real property, surface waters (including navigable waters, ocean waters, streams, ponds, drainage basins and wetlands), groundwater, water body sediments, drinking water supply, stream sediments, ambient air (including indoor air), plant and animal life (including fish and all other aquatic life) and any other environmental medium or natural resource.

*"Environmental Claim"* means a claim by any Person based upon a breach of Environmental Law or an Environmental Liability alleging loss of life, injury to persons, property or business, damage to natural resources or trespass to property.

"Environmental Laws" means all applicable Laws and any binding administrative or judicial interpretations thereof relating to: (a) the regulation, protection and use of the Environment; (b) the conservation, management, development, control and/or use of land (including zoning laws and ordinances), natural resources and wildlife; (c) the management, manufacture, possession, presence, use, generation, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal, release, threatened release, abatement, removal, remediation, or handling of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Substances: or (d) noise; and includes, without limitation, the following federal statutes (and their implementing regulations): the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended; the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.; the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.; the Clean Air Act of 1966, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq.; the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.; the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.; the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 401 et seq.; the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq.; the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.; the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 300(f) et seq.; and all analogous or comparable state statutes and regulations, including, without limitation, the Connecticut Transfer Act, as amended, C.G.S. § 22a-134 et seq.; and the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations, R.C.S.A. § 22a-133k-1 et seq.

"Environmental Liabilities" means any Liability under or related to former or current Environmental Laws or the common law, whether such liability or obligation or responsibility is known or unknown, contingent or accrued, arising as a result of or in connection with (a) any violation or alleged violation of Environmental Laws, prior to, on or after any Closing Date, with respect to the ownership, operation or use of the Acquired Assets; (b) loss of life, injury to persons, property or business or damage to natural resources (whether or not such loss, injury or damage arose or was made manifest before any Closing Date or arises or becomes manifest after any Closing Date), caused (or allegedly caused) by the presence or Release of Hazardous Substances at, on, in, under, above, adjacent to or migrating from the Acquired Assets prior to, on or after any Closing Date, including, but not limited to, Hazardous Substances contained in building materials at the Acquired Assets or in the atmosphere, soil, surface water, sediments, groundwater, landfill cells, or in other environmental media at or adjacent to the Acquired Assets; (c) the investigation and/or Remediation (whether or not such investigation or Remediation commenced before any Closing Date or commences after any Closing Date) of Hazardous Substances that are present or have been Released prior to, on or after any Closing Date at, on, in, under, above, adjacent to or migrating from the Acquired Assets, including, but not limited to, Hazardous Substances contained in building materials at the Acquired Assets or in the atmosphere, soil, surface water, sediments, groundwater, landfill cells, or in other environmental media at or adjacent to the Acquired Assets; (d) subject to the provisions of Section 5.15, compliance with applicable Environmental Laws prior to, on or after any Closing Date with respect to the ownership or operation or use of the Acquired Assets; (e) loss of life, injury to persons, property or business or damage to natural resources caused (or allegedly caused) by the offsite disposal, storage, transportation, discharge, Release or recycling, or the arrangement for such activities, of Hazardous Substances, prior to, on or after any Closing Date, in connection with the ownership or operation of the Acquired Assets; and (f) the investigation and/or remediation of Hazardous Substances that are disposed, stored, transported, discharged, Released, recycled, or the arrangement of such activities, prior to, on or after the Closing Date, in connection with the ownership or operation of the Acquired Assets.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"Estimated Adjustment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(i).

"Estimated Closing Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(i).

"Estimated DOE Payment Amount" means, with respect to a DOE Letter of Credit, the estimated amount determined pursuant to the DOE Standard Contract, that would be payable for the one time fee obligation to the DOE assuming that such payment is due on the date six months after the issuance of such DOE Acceptable Letter of Credit, or such lesser amount as shall be agreed upon by the Buyer and the Lead Participants.

"Estimated Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(i).

"Estimated Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment" has the meaning as set forth in Section 2.6(c)(i).

"Estoppel Certificate" means the Estoppel Certificate executed by the parties to the Leases and Material Contracts, which Leases and Material Contracts having a remaining unperformed value greater than 50,000 (other than the Sellers), substantially in the form of Exhibit K attached hereto.

"Event of Loss" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.11.

"Excluded Assets" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Excluded Liabilities" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

"Exhibits" means the exhibits to this Agreement.

"Facilities Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

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"Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(ii).

"Facility" means any of Millstone Units 1, 2 or 3 and "Facilities" means any two or more of Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3.

"FERC" means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its regulatory successor, as applicable.

"Final Safety Analysis Report" or "FSAR" means the report, as updated, that is required for the Facilities in accordance with the requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 50.71(e).

*"FIRPTA Affidavit"* means the affidavit to be delivered by each Seller at the Closing at which it is transferring its Ownership Shares in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit G</u> attached hereto.

"Fitchburg" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Fuel Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(ii).

"Fuel Trust" means the Niantic Bay Fuel Trust financing arrangements entered into by CL&P and WMECO.

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time.

"Good Utility Practices" means any of the practices, methods and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric utility industry during the relevant time period, or any of the practices, methods or acts which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety and expedition. Good Utility Practices are not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be acceptable practices, methods or acts generally accepted in the region.

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, state, local or other governmental, regulatory or administrative agency, commission, department, board, or other governmental subdivision, court, tribunal, arbitral body or other governmental authority.

"Hart-Scott-Rodino Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

"Hazardous Material" or "Hazardous Materials" means oil and hazardous materials or wastes, air emissions, hazardous or toxic substances, wastewater discharges and any chemical, material or substance or other emissions that may give rise to Liability under, or is listed or regulated under, applicable Environmental Laws as a "hazardous" or "toxic" substance or waste, or as a "contaminant," or is otherwise listed or regulated under applicable Laws because it poses a hazard to human health or the environment.

"Hazardous Substance" means any Hazardous Material or Radioactive Material, including any substance that may be both a Hazardous Material and a Radioactive Material.

"High Level Waste" means (a) Spent Nuclear Fuel and other radioactive material that constitutes greater than Class C material, (b) liquid wastes resulting from the operation of the first cycle solvent extraction system, or its equivalent, and the concentrated wastes from subsequent extraction cycles, or their equivalent, in a facility for reprocessing irradiated reactor fuel, or (c) solids into which such liquid wastes have been converted.

"Improvements" means all buildings, structures (including all fuel handling and storage facilities), machinery and equipment, fixtures, construction in progress, including all piping, cables and similar equipment forming part of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing or HVAC infrastructure of any building, structure or equipment, located on and affixed to the Sites, or used in or for the operation of the Facilities.

"Income Tax" means any federal, state, local or foreign Tax (a) based upon, measured by or calculated with respect to net income, profits or receipts (including, without limitation, capital gains Taxes and minimum Taxes) or (b) based upon, measured by or calculated with respect to multiple bases (including, without limitation, corporate franchise taxes) if one or more of the bases on which such Tax may be based, measured by or calculated with respect to, is described in clause (a), in each case together with any interest, penalties or additions to such Tax.

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.6(a).

"Indemnifying Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.6(a).

"Independent Accounting Firm" means an independent accounting firm of national standing as is mutually appointed by the Buyer and the Sellers.

"Independent Appraiser" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.8.

"Initial Closing" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Initial Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.10.

"INPO" means Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

"Intellectual Property" means all trade secrets, copyrights, copyright applications, patents, patent applications, patent rights, trademarks, trademark applications, trade names, service marks, service mark applications, computer programs and other computer software, inventions, designs, samples, specifications, schematics, know-how, proprietary processes, domain names, websites, source and object code and other intellectual property rights.

*"Interconnection Agreement"* means the Interconnection Agreement between the Buyer and CL&P substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u> attached hereto.

"Interim Period" means that period of time commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the Initial Closing Date.

*"Interim Services Agreement"* means the Interim Services Agreement between the Buyer and the Lead Participants or their Affiliates, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit L</u> attached hereto.

"Inventory" or "Inventories" means all materials and supplies (designated as "Materials and Supplies" in books and records of the Sellers) including fuel inventories (excluding Nuclear Fuel or Spent Nuclear Fuel), materials, spare parts, consumable supplies and chemical and gas inventories located at the Sites, in transit to the Sites or identified in any Schedule to the extent owned and paid for by the Sellers for use at the Sites prior to Closing.

"IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service or any successor agency.

"IRS Ruling Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(v).

"ISO-NE" means ISO New England Inc., or its successor.

*"Issuing Bank"* means, as of a Closing Date and at anytime thereafter, any Eligible Financial Institution that issues a DOE Acceptable Letter of Credit.

"Knowledge" means the actual, current knowledge of a Party's board of directors, board of trustees, plant managers, and directors, any of its statutory or non-statutory officers charged with responsibility for the function, or any person who reports directly to such board, trustees, plant managers, directors or officers, at the relevant time or, with respect to any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement, on the date of delivery of the certificate.

"Laws" means all laws, rules, regulations, codes, injunctions, judgments, orders, decrees, rulings, interpretations, constitution, ordinance, common law, or treaty, of any Governmental Authority.

"Lead Participant Rights Agreement" means the Lead Participant Rights Agreement between the Buyer and the Lead Participants, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit J</u> attached hereto.

"Lead Participants" has the meaning set forth in the third clause of the preamble to this Agreement. Solely for the purposes of this Agreement, "Lead Participants" shall mean CL&P and WMECO regardless of whether either CL&P or WMECO has transferred its status under the Sharing Agreement to the other or to the Buyer.

"Leases" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(d).

"Liability" or "Liabilities" means any liability or obligation (whether known or unknown, whether asserted or unasserted, whether absolute or contingent, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether incurred, consequential or punitive and whether due or to become due), including any liability for Taxes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the case of the NRC Licenses "Liabilities" shall include NRC Commitments.

"Licensed Intellectual Property" means the Intellectual Property that Sellers have licensed from third parties as set forth on <u>Schedule 2.1(w)</u>.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, charge, claim, equitable interest, infringement of a third party patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right, encumbrance, restriction on transfer, conditional sale or other title retention device or arrangement (including, without limitation, a capital lease), transfer for the purpose of subjection to the payment of any indebtedness, or restriction on the creation of any of the foregoing, whether relating to any property or right or the income or profits therefrom; provided, however, that the term "Lien" shall not include any Permitted Encumbrances.

"Losses" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.3.

"Low Level Waste" means waste material which contains radioactive nuclides emitting either or both primarily beta or gamma radiation, in concentrations or quantities which exceed applicable federal or state standards for unrestricted release; provided that Low Level Waste shall not include any waste containing more than ten (10) nanocuries of transuranic contaminants per gram of material, Spent Nuclear Fuel, or material classified as either High Level Waste or waste which is unsuited for disposal by near-surface burial under any applicable federal regulations.

"Lyndonville" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Major Loss" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.11(b).

"Material Adverse Effect" means any loss, claim, or occurrence related to the Acquired Assets (i) which would reasonably be expected to require the expenditure within five years following the Effective Date or the Closing Date of singly in excess of \$1,000,000, or in excess of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate or (ii) which would reasonably be expected to result in a cumulative loss of the generating capacity of the Facilities of 330,000 MwH or more over an eighteen (18) month period, other than normal and routine operating events and evolutions; provided, however, that Material Adverse Effect shall not include any change (or changes taken together) generally affecting the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail electric industry as a whole or nuclear generating facilities or their operators as a whole which does not affect the Acquired Assets or the Parties in any manner or degree significantly different than the industry as a whole, including (a) changes in markets for electric power or fuel used in connection with the Acquired Assets or (b) changes (individually or taken together) in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission systems or operations thereof; provided, further, that any loss, claim, occurrence, change or effect that is cured prior to the Closing Date at the Sellers' expense shall not be considered a Material Adverse Effect.

"Material Contracts" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(f).

"Millstone" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Minimum Employment Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor or organization thereto.

*"Mortgage Indenture"* means the First Mortgage Indenture and Deed of Trust dated May 1, 1921 between CL&P and the trustee named therein, as amended and supplemented to the date hereof and any other similar instrument or agreement entered into by any Seller.

"Multiemployer Plan" has the meaning set forth in ERISA Section 3(37).

"NEI" means Nuclear Energy Institute.

"NEIL" means Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited.

"NEP" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"NEPOOL" means the New England Power Pool, established by the NEPOOL Agreement, or its successor.

"NEPOOL Agreement" means the New England Power Pool Agreement, dated September 1, 1971, as amended by the Restated New England Power Pool Agreement filed with FERC on June 22, 1998, as finally approved by FERC and as further amended from time to time.

"Net Cash Value" means, as applied to the assets of the Decommissioning Funds, the Qualified Decommissioning Fund or the Nonqualified Decommissioning Fund, the liquidated, after-tax value of the underlying assets in the hands of the Buyer.

"NNECO" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Non-Assigned Contract" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(k).

"Nonqualified Decommissioning Funding Amount" means the Net Cash Values shown for each Seller for each Unit in the column titled "Non-qualified" on Schedule 5.10(b).

"Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds" means the external trust funds that do not meet the requirements of Code Section 468A or Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5, maintained by the Sellers with respect to the Facilities prior to the Closing pursuant to such Seller's Decommissioning Trust Agreement.

"NRC" means the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as established by Section 201 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 5841, or any successor commission, agency or officer.

"NRC Commitments" means all written commitments made by the Lead Participants or NNECO, as documented in their NRC commitment tracking system, to the NRC.

"NRC Licenses" means any and all licenses, Permits, approvals or other official acts by the NRC on the basis of which the Sellers are authorized to own, possess and operate the Facilities and Nuclear Materials prior to the Closing Date, including but not limited to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-21, DPR-65 and NPF-49, and on the basis of which the Buyer is authorized to own, possess and operate the Facilities and Nuclear Materials after the Closing Date.

### "NRC Staff" means the regulatory staff of the NRC.

"Nuclear Fuel" means all fuel assemblies in the Facility reactors on a Closing Date and any irradiated fuel assemblies that have been temporarily removed from the Facility reactors as of a Closing Date and all unirradiated fuel assemblies awaiting insertion into the Facility reactors, as well as all fuel constituents in any stage of the fuel cycle which are in the process of fabrication for use in a Facility, which are owned by the Sellers on a Closing Date or which have been or will be purchased by the Sellers pursuant to the Material Contracts listed in <u>Schedule 2.1(f)</u>.

"Nuclear Fuel Contracts" means contracts between the Lead Participants or any Affiliate and a Third Party providing for the purchase and sale of Nuclear Fuel for one or more of the Facilities.

"Nuclear Insurance Policies" means all insurance policies carried by or for the benefit of the Sellers with respect to the ownership, operation or maintenance of the Facilities, including all liability, property damage and business interruption policies in respect thereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "Nuclear Insurance Policies" includes all policies issued or administered by ANI or NEIL.

"Nuclear Laws" mean all Federal, state, local, provincial, foreign and international civil and criminal laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders relating to the regulation of nuclear power plants, source material, byproduct material and special nuclear materials (as defined in the Atomic Energy Act); the regulation of Low Level Waste and High Level Waste; the transportation and storage of Nuclear Materials; the regulation of safeguards information; the regulation of nuclear fuel; the enrichment of uranium; the disposal and storage of High Level Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel; contracts for any payments into the Nuclear Waste Fund; and as applicable, the antitrust laws and the Federal Trade Commission Act to specified activities or proposed activities of certain licenses of commercial nuclear reactors, but shall not include Environmental Laws. "Nuclear Laws" include the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.); the Price-Anderson Act (§ 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended); the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5801 et seq.); Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material Implementation Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-351; 96 Stat. 1663); the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. § 2429 et seq.); the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (22 U.S.C. § 3201); the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 2021b et seq.); the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, (42 U.S.C. § 10101 et seq., as amended); the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985 (42 U.S.C. § 2021d, 471); and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (4 U.S.C. § 13201 et seq.); and any state or local laws analogous to the foregoing.

"Nuclear Material" means any source, special nuclear or byproduct material, as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

"NUSCO" means Northeast Utilities Service Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Northeast Utilities and an Affiliate of CL&P and WMECO.

"Offsite Hazardous Substance Facility" means a location, other than a Site or Facility, which regularly accepts or accepted Hazardous Substances from the Sellers and other Persons.

"Other Assigned Contracts" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(0).

"Other Related Assets" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(u).

"Owned Intellectual Property" means the Intellectual Property that was developed by or is otherwise owned by the Sellers as set forth on Schedule 2.1(p).

"Ownership Share" means, with respect to each Seller and expressed as a percentage, the undivided ownership interest and obligation, as tenant in common of such Seller in the Acquired Assets as set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u> and for the avoidance of doubt, except for CL&P and WMECO, the other Sellers (including UI) own an Ownership Share in Millstone Unit 3 only.

"Panel" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.1.

"Participants" means those Persons that are parties to the Sharing Agreement.

"Party" and "Parties" have the meanings set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"PC Bondholders" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(d).

"Permits" means all certificates, licenses, permits, franchises, approvals, consents, orders, exemptions, decisions and other actions of a Governmental Authority pertaining to a particular Acquired Asset, the Facilities and the Sites or the ownership, operation or use thereof.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means and includes: (a) liens for Taxes or other charges or assessments by any Governmental Authority to the extent that the payment thereof is not in arrears or otherwise not due or is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings <u>provided</u> that no lien will attach to any of the Acquired Asset during such contest; (b) encumbrances in the nature of zoning restrictions, building and land use laws, ordinances, orders, decrees, restrictions or any other conditions imposed by or pursuant to any agreement with any Governmental Authority provided the same do not materially detract from operation or use of such property or in the business conducted at the Facilities; (c) easements (including without limitation, the Seller Reserved Easements) granted or reserved by an instrument executed in connection with this Agreement or the Related Agreements or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, but excluding such encumbrances that secure indebtedness; (d) deposits or pledges made in connection with, or to secure payment of, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, pension programs mandated under applicable laws or other social security regulations; (e) statutory or common law liens in favor of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics and materialmen, statutory or common law liens to secure claims for labor, materials or supplies and other like liens, which secure obligations to the extent that payment thereof is not in arrears or otherwise due; (f) any lien or title imperfection with respect to the Acquired Assets created by or resulting from any act or omission of the Buyer; and (g) any exception set forth in Schedule 2.1(a)(ii) as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, other than the exceptions for (i) parties in possession (other than those disclosed in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(ii)</u>, if any), (ii) unfiled mechanics' and materialmen's liens; and (iii) any first mortgage indentures or other mortgages or security interests.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, a limited liability company, an unincorporated organization, or a governmental entity (or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof).

"Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(c)(i).

"Plant Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Plant Agreement dated as of December 1, 1984 among NNECO, CL&P and WMECO.

"Plant Employee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b).

"Plant Employee Disclosure Letter" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(h).

"Pollution Control Facilities" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(d).

"Pollution Control Bonds" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4(r).

"Post-Closing Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(c)(ii).

"Pre-1983 Spent Nuclear Fuel" means any spent nuclear fuel assemblies or portions thereof and in-core burned fuel accumulated at the Facilities prior to June 17, 1983.

"Pre-Approved Capital Expenditures" means those capital expenditures set forth on Schedule 5.3.

"Private Letter Ruling Requests" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.22.

"Proposed Improvements" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3(c).

"Proprietary Information" means this Agreement, the Related Agreements, and all information about a Party or its properties or operations furnished by such Party (the "Disclosing Party") or its Representatives to the other Party (the "Receiving Party") or its Representatives, and marked or designated in writing by the Disclosing Party as "confidential," regardless of the manner or medium in which it is furnished. Proprietary Information does not include information that (a) is or becomes generally available to the public, other than as a result of a disclosure by the Receiving Party or its Representatives in violation of this Agreement; (b) was available to the Receiving Party on a nonconfidential basis prior to its disclosure by the Disclosing Party or its Representatives; (c) becomes available to the Receiving Party on a nonconfidential basis from a Person, other than the Disclosing Party or its Representatives, each of whom, to the Receiving Party's Knowledge, is not otherwise bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Disclosing Party or its Representatives, or is not otherwise under any obligation to the Disclosing Party or any of its Representatives not to transmit the information to the Receiving Party or its Representatives, or (d) the Disclosing Party discloses to others on a non-confidential basis.

"PSNH" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Qualified Decommissioning Funding Amount" means the Net Cash Values shown for each Seller for each Unit in the Column titled "Qualified" on Schedule 5.10(b).

"Qualified Decommissioning Funds" means the external trust funds that meet the requirements of Code Section 468A and Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-5, maintained by the Sellers with respect to the Facilities prior to the Closing pursuant to such Seller's Decommissioning Trust Agreement.

"Qualified Deposits" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(c).

"Radioactive Material" means any material that is radioactive or contaminated with radioactivity.

*"Radioactive Waste Material"* means Radioactive Material which is no longer fit for its intended purpose or has been disposed of or Released into the Environment except as authorized by applicable Laws. Radioactive Waste Material shall include any substance that is both Hazardous Material and Radioactive Material but shall not include Spent Nuclear Fuel.

"Real Property" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

"Receiving Party" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Proprietary Information.

"Related Agreements" means the Deeds, Assignment and Assumption Agreements, Bills of Sale, Asset Demarcation Agreement, Interconnection Agreement, Releases of Mortgage Indenture, Interim Services Agreement, Lead Participant Rights Agreement, Acceptable Credit Support and, if applicable, the DTC Guarantee and the DOE Acceptable Credit Support.

"Release" means any actual, threatened or alleged spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, dispersing, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of any Hazardous Substance into the Environment or within any building, structure, facility or fixture, that may cause an Environmental Liability (including the disposal or abandonment of barrels, containers, tanks or other receptacles containing or previously containing any Hazardous Substance).

*"Release and Settlement Agreements"* means those Release and Settlement Agreements, as amended, between Northeast Utilities, CL&P and WMECO and another Seller, in which the parties thereto have set forth certain agreements with respect to the transactions as contemplated by this Agreement and the other Related Agreements.

"Release of Mortgage Indenture" means a release of mortgage indenture, in the case of CL&P, substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto.

"Relevant Facilities Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(b).

"Relevant Fuel Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(b).

"Relevant Percentage" means the Unit 1 Relevant Percentage, the Unit 2 Relevant Percentage or the Unit 3 Relevant Percentage, as the case may be.

*"Relevant Purchase Price"* means the Relevant Facilities Purchase Price and the Relevant Fuel Purchase Price.

"Remaining Sellers" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3

"Remediate" or "Remediation" means any or all of the following activities to the extent required to address the presence or Release of Hazardous Substances: (a) monitoring, investigation, assessment, treatment, cleanup containment, removal, mitigation, response or restoration work as well as obtaining any permits, consents, approvals or authorizations of any Governmental Authority necessary to conduct any such activity; (b) preparing and implementing any plans or studies for any such activity; (c) obtaining a written notice from a Governmental Authority with competent jurisdiction under Environmental Laws or a written opinion of a Licensed Environmental Professional (as defined in C.G.S. § 22a - 133v) as contemplated by the relevant Environmental Laws and in lieu of a written notice from a Governmental Authority, that no material additional work is required; and (d) any other activities reasonably determined by a party to be necessary or appropriate or required under Environmental Laws.

"Representative" means, as to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and its and their directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents, consultants, advisors (including, without limitation, financial advisors, counsel and accountants).

"Requested Rulings" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.22.

"Required Assets" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Required Nuclear Expenditure" means a capital expenditure that is (a) required in order to satisfy an order from the NRC, (b) required in order to preclude, forestall, or satisfy any form of NRC enforcement action (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a socalled "confirmatory action letter"), or (c) necessary in order to cause the Facilities to meet NRC regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall capital expenditures for the repair or replacement of existing equipment, or to remedy the Sellers' past non-compliance with laws, be considered Required Nuclear Expenditures.

"Required Sellers" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Rule of 85" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(c)(iii).

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"Schedule" means a schedule to this Agreement.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, a division of McGraw-Hill Corporation, or any successor organization thereto.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Seller Environmental Liabilities" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.13.

"Seller Indemnified Parties" has the meaning specified in Section 9.4.

"Seller Regulatory Approvals" means those approvals identified on Schedule 6.2(c) hereto to be obtained by each Seller as a condition to such Seller's obligations under this Agreement.

"Seller Reserved Easement" means an easement for use of any Real Property set forth in Schedule 2.2(j).

"Seller" or Sellers" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Sharing Agreement" means the Sharing Agreement – Connecticut Nuclear Plant, dated as of September 1, 1973, as supplemented and amended, among the Participants in Millstone Unit 3.

"Site" means the Real Property forming part of, or used or usable in connection with, the operation of a Facility. "Sites" includes all Real Property described in <u>Schedule 2.1(a)(i)</u>. Any reference to a Site shall include, by definition, the surface and subsurface elements, including the soils and groundwater present at such Site, and any reference to items "at the Site" shall include all items "at, on, in, upon, over, across, under and within" the Site.

"Specified Conditions Precedent" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3.

"Spent Nuclear Fuel" means fuel and other radioactive materials associated with nuclear fuel assemblies that has been withdrawn from a nuclear reactor following irradiation, and has not been chemically separated into its constituent elements by reprocessing.

"Subsequent Closing" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.3

"Subsequent Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.10.

"Supplemental Indenture" means a supplemental indenture between each Seller, the Buyer and the trustee named therein amending and supplementing the Decommissioning Trust Agreement in a manner acceptable to the Buyer and the Sellers, pursuant to which (a) the Buyer shall agree to assume the due and punctual performance of all Liabilities of each Seller arising after the relevant Closing Date under the relevant trust agreement, (b) the Buyer shall succeed to and be substituted for such Seller thereunder, and (c) the relevant trust agreement shall be

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amended as necessary to ensure that the Buyer has the right to appoint and remove the trustee and the investment manger and the ability to direct the investment of funds in the Decommissioning Trust in any investment permitted by applicable law, rule or regulation.

"T&D Assets" means those transmission and distribution assets described on Schedule 2.2(a).

"Taking" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.11.

"Tax" or "Taxes" means any federal, state, local, or foreign income, gross receipts, license, payroll, employment, excise, severance, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, environmental (including taxes under Section 59A of the Code), customs duties, capital stock, franchise, profits, withholding, social security (or similar, including FICA), unemployment, disability, real property, recordation, personal property, sales, use, transfer, registration, value added, alternative or add- on minimum, estimated, or other tax of any kind whatsoever, including any interest, penalty, or addition thereto, whether disputed or not.

"Tax Basis" means the adjusted tax basis determined for federal income tax purposes under Section 1011(a) of the Code.

"Tax Return" means any return, declaration, report, claim for refund, or information return or statement relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendment thereof.

*"Technical Specifications"* means the technical specifications included in the NRC License for the Facilities in accordance with the requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 50.36.

*"Third Party"* means a Person who is not a Party, an Affiliate of a Party, a Representative of a Party, a Representative of an Affiliate of a Party or a shareholder of any of a Party, a Party's Affiliate or a Party's Representative.

"Third Party Claim" means any claim asserted by a Third Party.

"Title Commitment" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(r).

*"Title Company"* means, collectively, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company and Lawyers Title Insurance Company.

"Top Off Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.10(c).

"Total Relevant Percentage" means, collectively, the Unit 1 Relevant Percentage, the Unit 2 Relevant Percentage and the Unit 3 Relevant Percentage.

"Transfer Act" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.12.

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"Transfer of License" means the transfer of any of the NRC Licenses from the Sellers to the Buyer and includes any act for which the approval of the NRC is required by Atomic Energy Act Section 184 and 10 C.F.R. Section 50.80 or otherwise.

"Transferable Permits" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(e).

"Transition Committee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3(b).

"Transmission Support Agreement" means the Transmission Support Agreement dated as of August 9, 1974, among CL&P, WMECO and the other Participants in Millstone Unit 3.

"Trustee" means the trustee of the Qualified Decommissioning Funds and the Nonqualified Decommissioning Funds.

"UI" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Unit 1 Relevant Percentage" means for any Closing in which a Seller's Ownership Share in Unit 1 is being purchased by the Buyer, a percentage equal to the sum of the quotients of the Ownership Share of each Seller participating in such Closing divided by 100%.

"Unit 2 Relevant Percentage" means for any Closing in which a Seller's Ownership Share in Unit 2 is being purchased by the Buyer, a percentage equal to the sum of the quotients of the Ownership Share of each Seller participating in such Closing divided by 100%.

"Unit 3 Relevant Percentage" means for any Closing in which a Seller's Ownership Share in Unit 3 is being purchased by the Buyer, a percentage equal to the sum of the quotients of the Ownership Share of each Seller participating in such Closing divided by 92.38%.

"Unit I Facilities Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Unit 2 Facilities Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Unit 3 Facilities Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Unit I Fuel Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Unit 2 Fuel Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Unit 3 Fuel Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"VEG&T" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Vehicles" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(n).

"WARN Act" means the Workers Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988, as amended.

"WMECO" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Year 2000 Compliance" means actions taken or to be taken by a Party to assure that any computer system, hardware, software, database, device and/or equipment (a) is designed (or has been modified) to be used prior to and after January 1, 2000, assuming that all other computer system hardware, software, devices or other equipment used in combination therewith will properly exchange data with it, (b) is operating and will operate without error with respect to dates or date-based, date-dependent or date-Related data prior to and after January 1, 2000, assuming that all other computer system hardware, software, devices or other equipment used in combination therewith will properly exchange date data with it, and (c) has not and will not be affected adversely by the advent of the year 2000 or subsequent years.

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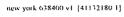
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### SCHEDULE 5.10(b)

### MILLSTONE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

## Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount - Amounts Projected as of March 31, 2001

Unit	Qualified (\$ in thousands)	Non-Qualified (\$ in thousands)	
Millstone Unit 1			
CL&P	208,824	-	208,824
WMECO	54,353	5,111	59,464
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Millstone Unit 2			
CL&P	192,762	4,657	197,419
WMECO	38,618 <sup>1</sup>	16,907 <sup>2</sup>	55,525
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Millstone Unit 3			
CL&P	125,063	9,291	134,354
WMECO	32,957	2,415	35,372
PSNH	4,693	3,593	8,286
United Illuminating Co.	7,791	1,547	9,33{
New England Power	41,959	1,929	43,888
Central Maine Power Co.	4,988	1,529	6,517
Chicopee Electric Light Dept.	-	4,905	4,905
Vermont Electric Generation and	-	622	622
Transmission Cooperative			
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Co.	-	717	717
Village of Lyndonville Electric Department	-	114	114
TOTAL IN AUCTION	712,008	53,337	765,345

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Millstone Unit 2 qualified fund balance for WMECO has been revised upward from \$32,778,000 from June 26, 2000 Bid instructions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Millstone Unit 2 non-qualified fund balance for WMECO has been revised upward from \$2,415,000 from June 26, 2000 Bid instructions.

### PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

This Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into on August 7, 2000, by and among Dominion Resources, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Buyer"), Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative, a Connecticut public body corporate and politic ("CMEEC" or the "Other Seller"), The Connecticut Light and Power Company, a Connecticut corporation ("CL&P"), and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, a Massachusetts corporation ("WMECO", together with CL&P, the "Lead Participants").

WHEREAS, CMEEC and certain other Sellers (as hereinafter defined) own, as tenants-incommon, Millstone Unit 3 located at Millstone Nuclear Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, CMEEC has appointed the Lead Participants to act as its agent under that certain Authorization Agreement to which they are parties for purposes of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and, to the extent a party thereto, the Related Agreements (as hereinafter defined);

WHEREAS, the Buyer desires to purchase and assume, and the Other Seller desires to sell and assign 100% of its ownership share of the Acquired Assets as set forth on Schedule 1 hereto and certain associated liabilities upon the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing as more fully described herein, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Buyer, the Lead Participants and certain other Sellers are party to a certain purchase and sale agreement dated August 7, 2000 for the sale and purchase of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station (the "Purchase and Sale Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Other Seller, the Lead Participants and the Buyer desire the sale and purchase of the Other Seller's ownership share of the Acquired Assets be subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein made, and in consideration of the representations, warranties, and covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

### 1. Definitions.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

### 2. Incorporation by Reference.

The Other Seller acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Subject to Section 4.11, the Other Seller, the Lead Participants and the Buyer hereby agree that all terms and provisions of such Purchase and Sale Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein, and as among the Other Seller, the Lead Participants and the Buyer, the Other Seller shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement a "Seller" under the Purchase and Sale Agreement as of the Effective Date and shall have all rights and obligations as a Seller under the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

The Other Seller, the Lead Participants and the Buyer agree that (a) all representations and warranties made by the Lead Participants under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, to the extent applicable to or on behalf of a Seller, shall be of the same force and effect with respect to the Other Seller as if such Other Seller were a Seller under the Purchase and Sale Agreement and (b) all covenants or agreements, including, without limitation, the indemnity obligations set forth in Section 9.3 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, made by the Lead Participants under the Purchase and Sale Agreement to the extent applicable to or on behalf of a Seller, shall be of the same force and effect with respect to the Other Seller as if such Other Seller were a Seller under the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

## 3. Acquisition of Assets by Buyer.

3.1. <u>Purchase and Sale of Assets</u>. Upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the Purchase and Sale Agreement at the Initial Closing and each Subsequent Closing, the Other Seller, as applicable, shall sell, assign, convey, transfer and deliver or cause to be sold, assigned, conveyed, transferred and delivered, to the Buyer, and the Buyer shall purchase, assume and acquire from such Other Seller, free and clear of any Lien (except for Permitted Encumbrances), such Other Seller's ownership share of the Acquired Assets.

## 3.2. Consideration for Acquired Assets.

(a) <u>Facilities Purchase Price; Fuel Purchase Price</u>. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions contained in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Buyer shall pay for the Other Seller's ownership share of the Acquired Assets (other than Nuclear Fuel) comprising Millstone Unit 3, \$9,218,629 (the "Other Seller Facilities Purchase Price") and for all of the interests of the Other Seller in the Nuclear Fuel attributable to Millstone Unit 3, \$732,342 (the "Other Seller Fuel Purchase Price").

(b) <u>Adjustments</u>. On the Initial Closing Date, the Other Seller Facilities Purchase Price and the Other Seller Fuel Purchase Price shall be adjusted using the same methodology as set forth in Section 2.6 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The Lead Participants shall allocate the adjustment to the Other Seller Facilities Purchase Price and the Other Seller Fuel Purchase Price made hereunder, and the Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and the Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment made under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, among the Sellers and the Other Seller.

(c) <u>Payment of Purchase Price</u>. At the Closing to which the Other Seller is a party, the Buyer shall pay to CL&P, on behalf of the Other Seller, the Other Seller Facilities Purchase Price and the Other Seller Fuel Purchase Price, each as adjusted pursuant to clause (b) above.

## 3.3. Funding of the Decommissioning Trusts.

(a) <u>The Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount</u>. Each of the parties hereto agree and acknowledge that the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount for Millstone Unit 3 shall be increased by \$ 2,726,238 to reflect the participation by the Other Seller in the sale of its ownership share of the Acquired Assets.

#### 4. Miscellaneous.

4.1 <u>Indemnity</u>. The Lead Participants hereby jointly and severally agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Buyer Indemnified Parties against and in respect of all Losses resulting or arising from any claim from any Seller, any Other Seller or any other Person against the Buyer Indemnified Parties based on or relating to the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by the Lead Participants including, without limitation, the allocation of the adjustment to the Other Seller Facilities Purchase Price and the Other Seller Fuel Purchase Price Made under this Agreement, and the Facilities Purchase Price Adjustment and the Fuel Purchase Price Adjustment made under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, among the Sellers and the Other Seller.

4.2. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Related Agreements and any other documents incorporated by reference herein, constitutes the entire agreement among the parties and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, to the extent they related in any way to the subject matter hereof. All conflicts or inconsistencies between the terms hereof and the terms of any of the Related Agreements, if any, shall be resolved in favor of this Agreement.

4.3. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

4.4. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

4.5. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands, consents, authorizations, claims, and other communications hereunder must be in writing. Any notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication hereunder shall be deemed duly given (a) upon confirmation of facsimile, (b) one (1) Business Day following the date sent when sent by overnight delivery and (c) five (5) Business Days following the date mailed when mailed by registered or certified mail return receipt requested and postage prepaid at the following address:

#### If to the Other Seller:

Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative 30 Stott Avenue Norwich, CT 06360 Attn: Maurice R. Scully Executive Director

### If to the Lead Participants:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut 06037 Attn: Vice President - Administration

### Copy to:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, Connecticut `06037 Attn: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

#### If to the Buyer:

Dominion Resources, Inc. 120 Tredegar Street Richmond, VA 23219

Attn: James K. Martin Vice President, Business Development

#### Copy to:

Dominion Resources, Inc. 120 Tredegar Street Richmond, VA 23219

Attn: Christine Schwab Managing Counsel

McGuireWoods, LLP 901 East Cary Street Richmond, VA 23219

## Attn: Michael J. Schewel

Any party may send any notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication hereunder to the intended recipient at the address set forth above using any other means (including personal delivery, expedited courier, messenger service, telecopy, telex, ordinary mail, or electronic mail), but no such notice, request, demand, claim, or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly given unless and until it actually is received by the intended recipient. Any party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands, claims, and other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other Parties notice in the manner herein set forth.

4.6. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of the State of Connecticut without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of Connecticut or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Connecticut.

4.7. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Parties hereto. No waiver by any party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, shall be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

4.8. <u>Severability</u>. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is held invalid or unenforceable in any situation shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement may be enforced only to the extent that such enforcement in the absence of any invalid terms and provisions would not result in (a) deprivation of a party of a material aspect of its original bargain upon execution of this Agreement or any Related Agreement, (b) unjust enrichment of a party, or (c) any other manifestly unfair or inequitable result.

4.9. <u>Construction</u>. Ambiguities or uncertainties in the wording of this Agreement will not be construed for or against any party. The parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel in connection with the review and execution of this Agreement, and, accordingly, there shall be no presumption that this Agreement or any provision hereof be construed against the party that drafted this Agreement or any portion hereof.

4.10 <u>Reliance on Lead Participants</u>. It is expressly agreed and acknowledged that the Lead Participants act as the agent of the Other Seller pursuant to the Authorization Agreement and any and all actions taken by the Lead Participants, or any agreement or covenant entered into by the Lead Participants under this Agreement shall be binding upon the Other Seller, and the

Buyer may rely upon any such action, agreement or covenant of the Lead Participants, as the act, agreement or covenant of the Other Seller.

4.11 <u>Effective Date</u>. It is expressly agreed and acknowledged by the parties hereto that the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be August 7, 2000 subject only to the receipt by the Other Seller of corporate authorization of its execution and delivery of this Agreement on or prior to August 21, 2000 and evidence of such corporate authorization shall be delivered to the Lead Participants and the Buyer. In the event such corporate authorization is not received on or prior to August 21, 2000, this Agreement shall terminate and be deemed null and void and no party shall have any rights or obligations to the other parties after such date.

4.12 <u>Joinder</u>. Subject to Section 4.11, upon request of the Buyer, the Other Seller shall join in an amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement pursuant to which the Other Seller shall be added as a "Seller" thereunder and such other terms shall be amended as necessary and appropriate to reflect the terms of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

By C 3

Name: Cheryl W. Grise' Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel, as agent for The Connecticut Light and Power Company

# WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

By C. S. Ause

Name: Cheryl W. Grise' Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel, as agent for Western Massachusetts Electric Company

CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE

By\_\_\_\_\_ Name: Title:

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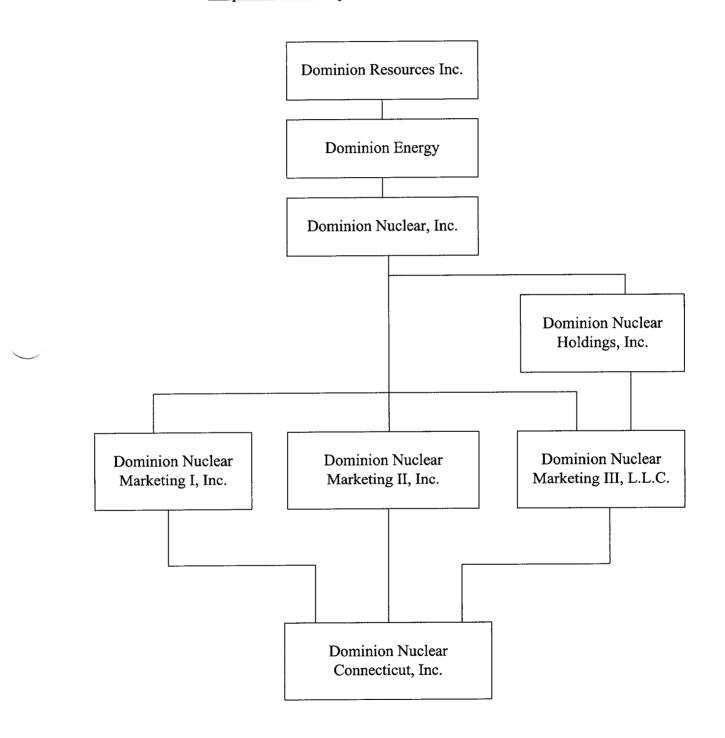
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## EXHIBIT D

Corporate Ownership of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut



#### EXHIBIT E

## SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOMINION RESOURCES, INC. AND DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

THIS SUPPORT AGREEMENT, dated as of August \_\_\_, 2000 between Dominion Resources, Inc., a Virginia corporation ("Dominion"), and Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Subsidiary"),

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Dominion is the indirect owner of 100% of the outstanding shares of the Subsidiary; and

WHEREAS, the Subsidiary intends to purchase certain assets located at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station (the "Millstone Assets") in Waterford, Connecticut pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreements dated August 7, 2000 by and among The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, The United Illuminating Company, Central Maine Power Company, Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Village of Lyndonville Electric Department, New England Power Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Vermont Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative, and Dominion; and

WHEREAS, Dominion and the Subsidiary desire to take certain actions to insure the Subsidiary's ability to pay the expenses of operating Unit 2 and Unit 3 of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, maintaining such Units safely and protecting the public health and safety (the "Operating Expenses") and to meet Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") requirements during the operating life of the Millstone Assets (the "NRC Requirements");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Availability of Funding. From time to time, upon request of Subsidiary, Dominion shall provide or cause to be provided to Subsidiary such funds as the Subsidiary determines to be necessary to pay Operating Expenses and meet NRC Requirements; provided, however, in no event shall the aggregate amount which Dominion is obligated to provide under this Agreement exceed \$150,000,000.

- 2. No Guarantee. This Support Agreement is not, and nothing herein contained, and no action taken pursuant hereto by Dominion shall be construed as, or deemed to constitute, a direct or indirect guarantee by Dominion to any person of the payment of the Operating Expenses or of any liability or obligation of any kind or character whatsoever of the Subsidiary or of any subsidiary of the Subsidiary. This Agreement may, however, be relied upon by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in determining the financial qualifications of the Subsidiary to hold operating licenses for Millstone Units 2 and 3.
- 3. *Waivers*. Dominion hereby waives any failure or delay on the part of the Subsidiary in asserting or enforcing any of its rights or in making any claims or demands hereunder.
- 4. Amendments and Termination. This Agreement may not be amended or modified at any time without thirty days prior written notice to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This Agreement shall terminate at such time as Dominion is no longer the direct or indirect owner of any of the shares or other ownership interests in Subsidiary. This Agreement shall also terminate with respect to the Operating Expenses and NRC Requirements applicable to Unit 2 at such time as Unit 2 permanently ceases commercial operations and shall terminate with respect to the Operating Expenses and NRC Requirements applicable to Unit 3 at such time as Unit 3 permanently ceases commercial operations.
- 5. *Successors*. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 6. *Third Parties.* Except as expressly provided in Section 4 with respect to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this Agreement is not intended for the benefit of any person other than the parties hereto, and shall not confer or be deemed to confer upon any other such person any benefits, rights or remedies hereunder.

7. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the day and year first above written.

DOMINION RESOURCES, INC.

By:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_

DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

By:

Name:		
Title:		

## EXHIBIT F

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