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GDF SUEZ Energy North America Proposes to Forego Administrative and Structure Registration Fees as Part of a Comprehensive Resolution of Shoreline Management Plan Issues

NEW MILFORD – February 4, 2009 – GDF SUEZ Energy North America, the new owner of FirstLight Power Resources (FirstLight), announced today that it is proposing to forego the annual administrative and structure registration fees associated with the draft Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for the Housatonic River Project (Project) as part of a comprehensive agreement to address and resolve all SMP issues.

FirstLight owns and operates the five hydroelectric power plants along the Housatonic River under a license (License) granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FirstLight is required by FERC to develop an SMP that provides a comprehensive plan for managing uses of shoreline lands and waters within the Project boundary consistent with the requirements of its License.

The proposal was made during a meeting today at New Milford Town Hall with FirstLight and various SMP stakeholders, including several Chief Elected Officials from the municipalities adjacent to the Project.

James A. Ginnetti, Vice President for External Affairs for FirstLight, credited Congressman Christopher Murphy (D-5th) for his role in working with all stakeholders on this issue. “We have been working with Congressman Murphy’s office for nearly a year on this issue,” said Ginnetti. “The Congressman challenged FirstLight to find ways to meet its obligations to FERC without collecting the fees that it is authorized under its License to collect to defray such costs. We are pleased that we were able to develop a proposal that meets that challenge and that our new owner, GDF SUEZ Energy North America, supports that plan as part of its commitment to work in good faith with the local communities.”

FirstLight will continue to meet with stakeholders over the next several weeks to discuss other aspects of the SMP. FirstLight hopes that a definitive agreement on fees and all other aspects of the SMP can be reached among the stakeholders and sent to the FERC for its review and approval prior to March 31, 2009.

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