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Hon Joseph Aresimowicz, 30<sup>th</sup> HD  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Legislative Office Building, Room 4100  
Hartford, CT 06106

Hon Matthew Ritter, 1<sup>st</sup> HD  
House Majority Leader  
Legislative Office Building, Room 4100  
Hartford, CT 06106

#### **RE: Dominion**

Dear Speaker Aresimowicz and House Majority Leader Ritter,

I am writing on an urgent matter that requires immediate attention of the entire Connecticut General Assembly. It goes without saying that the economic well-being of Southeastern Connecticut, as well as the entire state, depends on the viability of Millstone, and that viability is as of this moment critically endangered. Considering this fact, I emphasize that it is *imperative* that any legislation submitted by your caucus for a vote Thursday include the opportunity for Dominion to be part of the state's energy procurement process. I will consider the process in which tomorrow's session unfolds unacceptable if this issue is not on the table for a vote, as I know by the end of this letter you will be well aware of the significance of the situation.

As you are all well aware, energy markets are in flux continuously. Due in large part to low natural gas prices, nuclear power plants have been challenged to remain in the energy market. As a result, neighboring states such as Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont have witnessed nuclear power plants retiring and closing prematurely.

As a state, we cannot afford to lose our nuclear power plant for many reasons including, but not limited to, the adverse negative impact on the environment, the economy, and the cost of electricity in the State of Connecticut.

In light of the fiscal crisis facing the state, and the ongoing exodus of major corporations from Connecticut, I cannot understand why the state of Connecticut would want to risk a premature closing of Millstone. The state must be proactive and act NOW to preserve Millstone, protect jobs, and maintain clean energy for the benefit of our citizens. Millstone has been more than cooperative with the state; it is

now time for the state to reciprocate and take the correct and necessary steps to keep this important employer, taxpayer and asset in Connecticut.

With respect to the environment, Millstone Power Station supplies 98% of carbon dioxide-free electric power in the state. It does not produce greenhouse gas emissions, such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide associated with acid rain and smog. Millstone provides nearly 60% of the electricity consumed in the state *without polluting the environment*.

Furthermore, and unlike many other sources of energy, nuclear energy can produce large amounts of electricity around the clock and throughout the various seasons. Nuclear power is therefore simultaneously both *clean* energy and *reliable* energy.

Dr. Susan Tierney from The Analysis Group noted that if Millstone retired early, carbon-dioxide emissions from Connecticut's power plants would increase by approximately 2.2 million metric tons annually. To put this figure into perspective, it would be the equivalent of adding 470, 000 new passenger vehicles to the road. According to Dr. Tierney, Connecticut's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% in the near future from 1990 levels would be impossible to attain without Millstone.

For the State of Connecticut to meet its clean-air goals, comply with its Integrated Resources Plan, and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative it must include nuclear power in its portfolio.

As one of the 75 largest employers in the state, Millstone Power Plant spends over 100 million dollars in annual salaries to over 1500 full-time employees, and supporting approximately 4,000 jobs in Connecticut. Ultimately Millstone contributes \$1.5 billion in economic impact to the State of Connecticut, making it a powerful economic driver across the region (Chumura Economics).

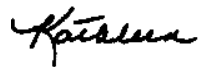
A recent economic impact study from the Nuclear Energy Institute states that between 2016 and 2030 Millstone Power Station will generate more than \$12 billion in economic benefits in Connecticut. In such a challenging and difficult fiscal climate, the State of Connecticut must do all within its power to preserve and promote jobs at Millstone Power Plant.

Undoubtedly, Millstone Power Plant has a vital role to play in the State of Connecticut for providing clean carbon-free and reliable energy, for helping the State meet its clean-air goals and for spurring and maintaining economic development. The power plant is an exemplary community corporate partner to Waterford and surrounding communities. As one of the largest taxpayers in the town of Waterford, Millstone has allowed the community to build new – geothermal – schools, and improve the quality of life for Waterford's residents. Millstone has a scholarship program with Three Rivers Community College, launched the Waterford Education Foundation with its very first grant, does ongoing and quality environmental research at its Environmental Lab, and shares all of its data with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Millstone should have an opportunity to participate in a competitive state process and with other eligible energy resources (natural gas, large-scale hydro, etc.) to sell power directly to Connecticut consumers. To date, nuclear power has been excluded from this bidding process. Competition is ultimately in the best interests of the ratepayers who are concerned about the rising costs of electricity.

I trust that, in wanting the best for Connecticut, you will provide an opportunity for Dominion to be part of the procurement process by including this legislation in the budget process tomorrow. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen".

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