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Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Broadwater Energy Proposal
Docket Numbers: CP06-54, CP06-55 and CP06-56

Dear Ms. Salas:

As Chief Executive Officer of Crescent Manufacturing Company of Burlington, Connecticut, I write to you to express our concern about escalating energy costs here in the Northeast and encourage you to give fair consideration to the proposed Broadwater Energy project.

Crescent Manufacturing began business back in 1960. Like many small businesses, our beginnings were humble – we started in a two-car garage in Southington, CT, with three employees. Today we have grown to be a major supplier to the fastener distributor industry. Our current facility is 18,000 square feet, housing nearly 90 manufacturing machines and a staff of over thirty.

We hope to continue to grow, but like many Connecticut small businesses, we see escalating energy costs are direct threat to our business.

Since 2000 electricity rates for Connecticut residents and businesses have skyrocketed by 70%. Just last April, the average electricity rate for Connecticut energy users was higher than the average electric rate of each of the states in the continental United States.

These high rates are a direct result of Connecticut's high demand for energy, specifically natural gas, coupled with a limited supply available in our region.

A new supply of natural gas provided by the proposed Broadwater Energy project will place downward pressure on the region's energy prices. Broadwater will not only provide a new, needed supply of natural gas for Connecticut, it also will allow gas that currently flows through our state to meet New York City demand to remain in Connecticut.

For these reasons outlined above, I wish to state my support for the Broadwater Energy project and encourage other Connecticut businesses and residents to support this project that would help control our energy costs while providing our region with a much-needed, clean-burning supply of natural gas.

Sincerely,

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