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Hon. Jaclyn Brillling, Secretary  
NYS Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

Subject: Notice of intent to Mothball Astoria Gas Turbine Units 10 & 11

Dear Secretary Brillling:

In accordance with the Commission's *Generating Unit Retirement Order*<sup>1</sup>, Astoria Gas Turbine Power LLC (Astoria GT), a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc. (NRG), hereby provides notice that it intends to cease operation and place in NERC Inactive State - Mothballed the Astoria GT 10 effective May 1, 2012 and Astoria GT 11 effective July 1, 2012. The units are located in Queens, NY and are interconnected to the Consolidated Edison system in the New York Independent System Operator's (NYISO) Zone J. Astoria GT 10 (NYISO PTID 24110) and Astoria GT 11 (NYISO PTID 24225) are each approximately 31.8 MW nameplate.

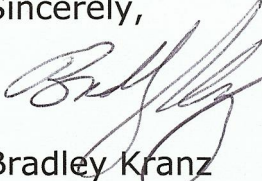
The units are Westinghouse gas turbines that were commissioned in December 1970. They are 30-minute start units that operate solely on kerosene as the fuel source. The units have been experiencing increasing operational challenges and have reached a point where a major overhaul would be necessary to restore their performance. Due to the advanced age and current market conditions such an investment cannot be justified at this time. Therefore NRG has made the decision to place the units in a mothball state.

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<sup>1</sup> Case 05-E-0889 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Establish Policies and Procedures Regarding Generating Unit Retirements, *Order Adopting Notice Requirements for Generation Unit Retirements* (Issued and Effective December 20, 2005).

NRG is simultaneously providing a copy of this notice to the NYISO and Consolidated Edison. If you have any questions, please contact me at (609) 571-2329.

Sincerely,



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