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Brattleboro Thermal Utility CHP Feasibility Study RFO

Brattleboro, Vermont, USA; September 8, 2008 – Brattleboro Thermal Utility, Inc. (“BTU”) requests Statements of Qualifications from potential providers of a feasibility study of a biomass-fueled combined heat and power (CHP) district energy system serving Brattleboro. The study would examine the technical, economic, and environmental feasibility of creating such a system.

BTU’s mission is to create a community energy system for Brattleboro generating both electricity and thermal energy, using wood biomass as a fuel, for the benefit of multiple stakeholders and the town as a whole. To achieve its mission, BTU will develop and operate a district energy system using a modern biomass-fueled CHP plant to deliver (A) thermal energy via a buried, insulated hot/cold-water pipe network to businesses, municipal and school buildings, homes, and other consumers, and (B) electric energy directly into the shared grid.

BTU’s long-term aim is to eliminate Brattleboro's dependency on fossil fuels for heating, and for Brattleboro to obtain most of its electricity from renewable local sources.

Mature district energy technology is very common in Northern Europe, providing as much as half to three-quarters of all building heating in various northern European countries. Municipal district energy systems – as opposed to systems serving single-owner campuses – are still extremely rare in the United States. There are only several examples that use advanced technology on a par with the prevailing Northern European norm. In BTU’s review of Statements of Qualifications, preference will be given to potential providers having genuine experience with advanced municipal district energy systems.

The Request for Qualifications/Scope of Services document can be downloaded from BTU’s website at www.brattleborothermalutility.com.

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