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DeLauro Announces \$2 Million for Energy Technology Solutions in CT

Nxegen, Inc. Provides Technology to Help Consumers with Energy Costs

Middletown, CT – Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT) today visited Nxegen, Inc. to announce \$2 million in federal funding for the company to implement an energy technology demonstration project. The project will install demand response technologies in a representative sample of between 500 and 1,000 facilities, including municipal, commercial and industrial sectors with high energy costs. It will also help the state address energy reliability problems. DeLauro, through her seat on the House Appropriations Committee, worked to secure the funding.

Nxegen has developed technology that provides real-time energy information to consumers, including schools, fire departments, libraries and the city of New Haven. This information empowers the consumer to regulate the amount of energy they are using, resulting in lower energy costs. At the same time, the technology increases reliability by reducing the overall amount of energy flowing through the system.

“This technology is critically important to easing the state’s energy burden,” said DeLauro. “Studies have shown that even a 2-4% reduction in usage can drive prices down by 20-30%. The ‘smart meters’ will allow consumers to assess their energy needs in *real time*. This technology works as a high-tech conservation program, providing lower costs to consumers and lower energy usage to Connecticut, allowing customers to change their energy consumption in response to energy prices.”

The much-needed project will help relieve an electricity crisis in southwest Connecticut, where consumer prices may rise up to between \$150-350 million due to the implementation of the New England “standard market design” rule in March of 2003. This project will provide a national model for other regions, and fulfill a top Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) goal of establishing a means for consumers to respond to real-time market signals.

“Congresswoman DeLauro’s continued support of technology-based companies drives technological innovation, lower energy costs to consumers, and job growth in Connecticut,” said Erik Bartone, President of Nxegen, Inc.

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While at Nxegen, Congresswoman DeLauro saw a demonstration of the project, toured the facility and met with Nxegen’s President, CEO and Vice President regarding Connecticut’s energy needs.