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FuelCell Energy Commemorates Innovative Utility-Owned Fuel Cell Microgrid Project with Connecticut Dignitaries

A ribbon cutting ceremony at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut marked the commissioning of a multi-megawatt fuel cell plant owned by Avangrid that is being configured for a town-wide microgrid

DANBURY, Conn., Jan. 23, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [FuelCell Energy, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:FCEL), a global leader in the design, manufacture, operation and project development of ultra-clean, efficient and reliable fuel cell power plants, participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony today alongside legislative officials, to celebrate the commissioning of a multi-megawatt combined heat and power (CHP) fuel cell plant at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut. Attendance included Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy and Commissioner Robert Klee of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/16f21904-9dcc-4ad1-8acc-849280b1c680>

The event took place at Amity Regional High School, where the fuel cell plant is generating 2.2 megawatts of continuous power and usable heat in an environmentally-friendly manner. The fuel cell plant is owned by Avangrid (NYSE:AGR) and was designed, manufactured and installed by FuelCell Energy.

The fuel cell plant will be the sole power source for a state-of-the-art town microgrid, supplying 2.2 megawatts (MW) of continuous clean power to the electric grid under normal operation, and switching to microgrid-mode in the event of a grid outage to provide uninterrupted and reliable power to seven of Woodbridge's critical facilities.

"We view this project as a triple win including clean power for the community, reduced financial impact on the district, and educational opportunities for our students from this innovative fuel cell power generation," said Dr. Charles Dumais, superintendent of the Amity Regional School District #5.

"This project is a great example of how municipalities can align with utilities to enhance their critical power infrastructure with clean and affordable distributed power generation," said Chip Bottone, President and Chief Executive Officer, FuelCell Energy. "This project also demonstrates the unique ability to site large amounts of predictable power in well-populated and compact areas due to the clean, quiet, unobtrusive nature of our fuel cell plants."

Seven critical municipal buildings will be connected as part of the microgrid, ensuring a reliable supply of power in the event of a grid outage or disturbance. These government facilities include:

- | Amity Regional High School
- | Woodbridge Town hall
- | Library
- | Fire House
- | Police Station
- | Public Works Facility
- | Senior Center (which also serves as an emergency center)

Fuel cells use chemistry to convert a fuel source into electricity and heat in a highly efficient process that emits virtually no pollutants as the fuel is not burned. The combination of near-zero pollutants, modest land-use needs, and quiet operating nature of these stationary fuel cell power plants facilitates installation in urban locations where the power is used. Customers benefit with operating cost reductions delivered in a manner that supports sustainability goals and enhances power reliability.

About FuelCell Energy

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