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## **Novilla RNG Announces a Renewable Natural Gas Project at Pleasant Valley Farms in Berkshire, Vermont**

YPSILANTI, MI, March 20, 2023 - Novilla Investment Holdings, LLC ("Novilla RNG"), through its wholly owned subsidiary, Bellevue RNG, LLC, announced today that it has filed a request with the Vermont Public Utility Commission seeking regulatory approval to construct its first dairy renewable natural gas ("RNG") project in Vermont at Pleasant Valley Farms in Berkshire.

The project at Pleasant Valley Farms in Berkshire, Vermont will triple the dairy's existing anaerobic digester capacity to capture emissions from manure-based biogas and upgrade it into pipeline quality RNG. The RNG will be injected into the local VGS natural gas network, displacing fossil gas. Novilla RNG anticipates the fuel produced at Pleasant Valley Farms will be used both in Vermont and across the globe to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of homes, businesses, vehicle fleets, and any other customer desiring to lower their carbon footprint.

The Bellevue RNG project is expected to produce approximately 108,000 dekatherms of RNG a year, or the energy equivalent to roughly 860,000 gallons of gasoline. The annual greenhouse gas reduction impact is expected to be the equivalent of taking 7,000 cars off the road.

"This project represents a unique opportunity to work closely with a prominent Vermont dairy, lower their carbon footprint, and bring locally produced energy to Vermonters and beyond, said Mark Hill, Novilla RNG Co-CEO. "In 2006, the St. Pierre family was one of the first dairies in Vermont to install an anaerobic digester and produce energy from it. The Bellevue RNG project moves forward with 17 years of industry technological progress that will increase energy production, decrease green house gas emissions, and produce pipeline quality natural gas. Over the past several decades there has been great progress in decarbonizing the electric lines serving our communities, now we are proud to be doing the same with renewable natural gas."

This project builds on over 40 years of combined experience in the RNG and digester industry that the Novilla RNG team brings to Vermont. Following the state permitting process, Novilla RNG anticipates the digester to be operational in 2023 and renewable natural gas injection in early 2024.



"Vermont is a conscientious state that incorporates local feedback and environmental benefit when reviewing projects. By working closely with local communities and state regulators, we are going to ensure this project has a positive environmental and economic impact. We expect to have two full time employees living and working locally, making this project very personal for everyone involved. Our employees and families have had an opportunity to spend time in the local communities and greatly appreciate the beauty and values of northern Vermont," stated Jared Williams, Novilla RNG Co-CEO.

Amanda St. Pierre, a partner at Pleasant Valley Farms, commented, "The St. Pierre family has always prioritized the health and well-being of our animals, support for the communities we live in, and stewardship of the land we farm. We see our partnership with Novilla RNG and VGS as a continuation of the dairy's environmental focus by lowering the greenhouse gas impact of every gallon of our milk we produce. At the same time, this project provides an economic boost to our corner of the state and another, more affordable and lower carbon energy choice to our neighbors."

"VGS is excited to work with Novilla RNG and Pleasant Valley Farms to capture methane and turn it into homegrown energy that displaces fossil gas," said Neale Lunderville, President & CEO of VGS. "Our collaboration will support Vermont's agricultural sector and deliver lower carbon energy. This project is a great example of what can be done when we partner and innovate to tackle climate change."

The Bellevue RNG project represents Novilla RNG's fourth RNG project and represents a continuation of the Company's business plan to pursue disciplined RNG project development that offers its partner dairy farms speed and efficiency in project development and execution.

### **About Novilla RNG**

Headquartered in Ypsilanti, Michigan and with employees in seven states, Novilla RNG is a nation-wide developer, owner and operator of dairy manure based RNG production facilities. The company was founded by Mark Hill and Jared Williams with the goal of providing focused RNG development and operations in partnership with the country's premier dairy farms. Novilla RNG has three projects under construction in Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin with several more starting construction in 2023.

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