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WMGLD Celebrates Public Power and Energy Awareness

(Wakefield, MA) – Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department (WMGLD) celebrated the benefits of hometown, community-owned and operated electric utilities during the month of October as part of Department of Energy’s Energy Awareness Month and the American Public Power Association’s 25th annual Public Power Week.

The WMGLD is one of 2,010 community-owned electric utilities in the United States, serving over 44 million people and more than 2.8 million business customers. Public Power Week, sponsored by the American Public Power Association (APPA) in October provides an opportunity for utilities like the WMGLD to remind customers that local residents make important decisions about their public power services.

The 2011 Energy Awareness Month theme, *Turn Words into Action; Turn Action into Result*, concurs with the WMGLD’s ongoing efforts to education students about energy attitudes, behaviors and actions that lead to good energy decisions.

To highlight the WMGLD’s focus on energy awareness and public power, General Manager Pete Dion met with local fifth graders at the Galvin Middle School and St. Joseph School in October to talk about the 4th annual WMGLD Essay Contest.

During General Manager Dion’s visit to the schools, the students learned about public power, how electricity gets to their homes, and how they can help save energy in their own homes. At the conclusion of the talk, the students were asked to write an essay

about what saving energy means to them, drawing upon some of the information they learned during the General Manager's visit. The essays will be submitted to the WMGLD and five winning essays will be selected.

"Public power utilities are consumer owned and operated and provide reliable, responsive, not-for-profit electric service," General Manager Dion said.

"The WMGLD has been providing safe, reliable power and exceptional service to customers since 1894," he added. "We are committed to keeping rates low while contributing to the economic development of the community, something we have been doing for more than 117 years."

In addition to its involvement in community public power/energy awareness month activities and programs, WMGLD customers have access to programs and services not usually available to customers of private electric utilities, including conservation services, appliance rebates and other energy-saving incentives.

To learn more about WMGLD and the services it provides, please visit the website at www.wmgld.com or call 781-246-6363.