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Berkshire Wind Power Project is up and running and supplying power to
Massachusetts residents; WMGLD is 3rd largest shareholder

(Wakefield, MA) – Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) Manager
Pete Dion was among the electric utility and state officials including Governor Deval
Patrick who were on hand for the recent dedication of the Berkshire Wind Power Project,
a ten (10) 1.5 megawatt wind turbine project on Brodie Mountain in Hancock,
Massachusetts. The dedication marks the completion of the Berkshire Wind Power
Cooperative Corporation's (BWPC) project that has the capacity to supply electricity to
approximately 6,000 homes.

The WMGLD is one of 14 municipal electric utilities that purchased the project
from a private developer as part of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric
Company's Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative in 2008. WMGLD is the third largest
shareholder of the project, owning nearly 10% of the project that is expected to have a
total capacity of 15 megawatts. Peabody Municipal Light Plant will be the largest
shareholder with ownership of just under 17%.

According to General Manager Dion, who also serves on the Berkshire Wind
Cooperatives Board of Directors, the project consists of the 10, 1.5-megawatt General
Electric wind turbine generators, an approximate 16,000-foot access road and an electric
interconnection system that collects and transmits electricity from the turbines to the

electric distribution system on Brodie Mountain Road. An eight-mile distribution circuit carries electricity to a Pittsfield substation and into the power grid.

The project is the Commonwealth's first onshore wind farm and its largest wind project to date.

"We are happy to have been an integral part of this project as part of the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation," General Manager Dion said. "This is a great opportunity, not only for the WMGLD and its power supply, but also for reducing the Commonwealth's dependence on fossil fuels. With this project, we are making steady progress toward Governor Patrick's goal to install 2,000 megawatts of wind power in Massachusetts by 2020."

"Now that the project is on line, Berkshire Wind is a piece of our portfolio that diversifies our mix of energy sources."

The other 13 communities joining Wakefield in the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative are Ashburnham, Boylston, Groton, Holden, Hull, Ipswich, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Shrewsbury, Sterling, Templeton, and West Boylston.

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