DTE Stoneman Station Biomass Power Plant Online

Renewable energy will power 28,000 homes in Dairyland Power system

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CASSVILLE, Wis., Oct. 25 / PRNewswire -- The E.J. Stoneman Station biomass power plant, owned and operated by DTE Energy Services (Ann Arbor, Mich.), is delivering power. Dairyland Power Cooperative (La Crosse, Wis.) is purchasing the entire 40 MW output of the renewable energy facility to help serve the energy needs of its member cooperative consumers.

"DTE Energy Services is proud to be able to give the Stoneman plant new life as a generator of renewable energy," said David Ruud, President, DTE Energy Services. "We also are pleased that the plant will provide employment for 32 members of the Cassville community and support the local economy through our relationships with fuel suppliers and other local businesses."

Renewable energy at the Stoneman Station is produced through the burning of various types of wood waste, including green wood residue from forestry and tree trimming operations, railroad ties, demolition waste and sawdust.

The Stoneman Station, located in Cassville, Wis., has a unique history. Formerly a coal-fired power plant owned and brought into service by Dairyland in 1951, Dairyland sold it in the 1990s. Current owner DTE Energy Services has now resurrected the Stoneman Station as a biomass facility, selling the renewable energy back to its original owner.

"We are pleased to see this major renewable energy resource come online for our cooperative membership. Our 'green' partnership with DTE Energy Services will supply the energy needs to power 28,000 homes across our system by utilizing a natural resource—wood waste—as fuel," said Dale Pohlman, Dairyland Vice President, Strategic Planning.

DTE Energy Services, headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., acquires, develops, builds, owns and operates projects for large, energy-intensive industrial customers. The company is a subsidiary of DTE Energy (NYSE: DTE), a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Information about DTE Energy Services is available at www.dtees.com.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 16 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Dairyland's service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland's generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit www.dairynet.com.

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