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Old Dominion Electric Co-op Announces New Renewable Energy Projects

Co-op Contracts for Power from Maryland Landfill and Virginia Hydro Facility

Glen Allen, Va. – Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) is expanding its portfolio of renewable energy resources through the purchase of power from two new generation projects in Maryland and Virginia.

ODEC has contracted to purchase all of the electricity generated by the Worcester County gas-to-energy project in Worcester County, Md. and by the Falling Spring Hydroelectric Project in Alleghany County, Va.

Located in Newark, Md., about 15 miles southwest of Ocean City, the Worcester County gas-to-energy project will utilize the methane produced at the 200-acre Worcester County Central Landfill Facility to initially produce 1 megawatt (MW) of electricity. The landfill is operated by the Worcester County Department of Public Works while the gas-to-energy project is being developed by Curtis Engine and Equipment Co. of Baltimore and owned by Worcester County Renewable Energy LLC. Methane, which is naturally produced as landfill waste decomposes, is collected via a series of collection pipes and burned in a reciprocating engine to generate electricity.

In addition to using a renewable fuel source, the project's capture of methane significantly reduces the net emissions of greenhouse gases from the landfill. Plans are to add generating units over the next year to generate up to 3 MW of electricity from the facility by 2009.

ODEC will also obtain up to 1 MW of energy from a newly reconstructed facility at the base of the 150-foot Falling Springs waterfall near Route 220 in Alleghany County, Va., approximately 12 miles south of the Homestead Resort. The Falling Springs Hydroelectric Project consists of twin pipes which transport the water a mile downhill from the base of the falls where turbines

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have been installed to produce electricity. Significant work was performed by Hydro FS, LLC to refurbish this facility, which dates back to the early 1900s.

“Community-based renewable energy projects are important to ODEC and its member distribution cooperatives as we strive to continue providing our member-consumers with reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power,” said Lisa Johnson, ODEC’s senior vice president for power supply.

“While these two projects can provide only a small percentage of our total generation requirements, they provide additional resource diversity for us. ODEC will continue to look for such renewable energy projects for inclusion in our portfolio of generation resources throughout the three-state territory we serve,” Johnson added, noting that both new facilities are located within the areas served by two of its member distribution cooperatives.

Choptank Electric Cooperative of Denton, Md. serves portions of Worcester County and BARC Electric Cooperative of Millboro, Va. provides electricity to most of Alleghany County.

About ODEC

ODEC is a generation-and-transmission cooperative that provides wholesale power to 12 member electric distribution cooperatives in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. ODEC and its member systems are not-for-profit electric cooperatives that are owned by their member consumers and serve nearly 1.3 million people throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

ODEC currently owns 11.6 percent of the North Anna Nuclear Power Plant in Louisa County, Va. and 50 percent of the Clover Power Station in Halifax County, Va. The organization also owns and operates generation facilities in Louisa and Fauquier counties in Virginia and has a 50 percent interest in a generation facility in Cecil County, Md. For more information, visit www.odec.com

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