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DALLAS NAMED TO EPA'S GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP CLUB

CITY'S 2008 CLEAN ENERGY PURCHASE AMONG TOP IN NATION

DALLAS - The City of Dallas announced today that it has been named to the **EPA's Green Power Leadership Club**, a distinction given to organizations that have significantly exceeded EPA's minimum green power purchase requirements. Green Power Leadership Club members must purchase ten times the partnership's minimum requirement organization-wide. The City of Dallas' commitment to green power helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also supporting the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide.

"This is a huge honor and we are proud to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," said City Manager Mary K. Suhm. "Purchasing green power helps our organization become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others across the U.S. that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision and an important choice in reducing climate risk."

The City also announced today that, for all four quarterly ranking periods in 2008, it appeared on two of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) lists of largest green power purchasers: Top 10 Local Governments List (now the Top 20 Local Governments List) and the National Top 25 List (now the National Top 50 List).

The City of Dallas landed in the **No. 1 spot on the EPA's Top 10 Local Government List** for two quarters and in the No. 2 spot for the third and fourth quarters. The rankings are based on kilowatt-hours (kWh) purchased. Dallas, with its purchase of nearly 334 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power which is enough power to meet 40 percent of the organization's purchased electricity use, was at No. 1 for two quarters. Mid-way through the year, the City of Houston bumped up its renewable power purchase from 20 percent to 27 percent, enough to jump ahead of Dallas in kWh used. Rankings from each of the four quarters can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/top20localgov.htm#lists>

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In addition, Dallas floated between **No. 9 and No. 11 on the National Top 25 List** on the four quarterly rankings. This list includes leading U.S. organizations — from Fortune 500 companies to local, state and federal governments, and a growing number of colleges and universities.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro. These resources generate electricity with a net zero increase in carbon dioxide emissions, while offering a superior environmental profile compared to traditional power generation sources. The City of Dallas currently buys 40 percent of its total purchased electricity from renewable sources, primarily wind.

According to the EPA, the City of Dallas' green power purchase of nearly 334 million (kWh) is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of nearly 48,000 passenger vehicles per year, or is the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power nearly 33,000 average American homes annually. **The City continues its commitment to purchase 40 percent of its power from renewable sources in 2009.**

Each of the EPA's National Top Partner lists highlight some of America's largest green power purchasers. Each list highlights EPA Green Power Partners that have completed the largest annual voluntary purchases. EPA's updates its Top Partner Lists quarterly at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/>. The next quarterly update will be published on January 26, 2009.

About Green Dallas

The purchase of renewable, green power is just one of many steps the City has taken as part of the Green Dallas initiative. For example, Dallas also boasts the largest alternative fueled city-owned fleet in Texas and one of the largest in the nation with 41 percent of its fleet running on alternative fuels or a hybrid mix.

To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net

About EPA's Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to buy green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with purchased electricity use. The Partnership currently has hundreds of Partner organizations voluntarily purchasing billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500 companies, small and medium sized businesses, local, state, and federal governments, and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

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