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District Energy St. Paul and Ever-Green Energy Share Plans for Leadership Transition

SAINT PAUL, MINN. – District Energy St. Paul and its affiliate Ever-Green Energy are moving forward with a long-planned leadership transition. Anders Rydaker, President and CEO of District Energy St. Paul and Ever-Green Energy for 17 years, informed the company’s Board of Directors last year of his readiness to implement the leadership transition in 2010. At its spring quarterly meeting, the Boards of District Energy and Ever-Green Energy promoted Kenneth Smith, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer to the role of President and CEO of District Energy and its affiliate companies effective August 1, 2010. Smith will be the third president in the organization’s 27 year history.

During Rydaker’s tenure, the District Energy St. Paul companies were recognized as the most successful district energy companies in America. The companies are widely praised and acknowledged for their energy efficiency, environmental benefits, stable rates, and customer service. Remarkably, both the heating and cooling companies have a history of below-inflation growth in customer charges.

The transition is occurring at a time of great opportunity as government, community and business leaders are realizing the potential of community-based energy systems. Merging these opportunities with the vital needs of Saint Paul customers has been a focal point of planning between Smith and Rydaker the past four years. Rydaker will remain with Ever-Green Energy, focusing his efforts on cultivating the company’s growing list of business opportunities, including emerging technologies, and mentoring the next generation of energy leaders.

“We are pleased to announce this new alignment of responsibilities which will best serve the needs of the Company today and well into the future,” noted District Energy St. Paul Board Chair George Fremder and Ever-Green Energy Board Chair John Taylor. “The future is very bright for District Energy and Ever-Green Energy. The new structure affords opportunities for both Rydaker and Smith to fully contribute their experience and skills to the advancement of sustainable energy solutions that benefit our customers, the community and the environment.”

District Energy operates North America’s largest hot water district heating system using energy from a biomass-fired, combined heat and power plant fueled by Twin Cities’ tree trimmings. A 501(c)(3) non-profit utility, District Energy uses a network of underground distribution piping to serve the heating and cooling needs of approximately 80% of downtown Saint Paul. District Energy has been at the forefront of Minnesota’s movement towards sustainable energy solutions, and is internationally recognized as a model for energy security, stable costs and reducing carbon emissions. Its affiliate, Ever-Green Energy, specializes in consulting, operating, managing and developing integrated community energy systems.

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