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Dairyland Procures Major Biomass Energy Contract 40 MW of renewable energy to come online in 2010

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative has executed a power purchase agreement with a subsidiary of DTE Energy Services, Inc., to purchase the full 40 MW expected electrical output of a proposed new biomass power plant located in Cassville, Wis. The facility will burn wood waste to generate renewable energy for the members of the Dairyland system.

A subsidiary of DTE Energy Services will own and operate the facility, which is the former E.J. Stoneman Power Plant. The plant will be converted from burning coal to instead utilize wood-waste biomass for fuel. The power purchase agreement has been submitted to the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for approval.

The proposed plant is scheduled to come online June 1, 2010. Its 40 MW of biomass renewable generation will be enough to power 28,000 residential homes in the Dairyland system.

“We are very pleased to be part of an alliance with DTE Energy Services that benefits both our members and the environment. This renewable resource is a winner on all levels, as it recycles waste wood for use as fuel to generate electricity for a very significant number of energy users in our cooperative system,” said Bill Berg, Dairyland President and CEO.

DTE Energy Services, Inc., 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 Company, a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Visit www.dtees.com for more information.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 19 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, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit www.dairynet.com.

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