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Dairyland Power Expands Landfill Renewable Energy Plant *Seven Mile Creek plant now produces enough renewable energy for 3,325 homes*

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative has completed its expansion of the Veolia ES Seven Mile Creek Landfill gas-to-energy (LGE) facility with the addition of a fourth 1 MW generator and gas conditioning system.

The Seven Mile Creek landfill and plant is located in Eau Claire, Wis., and is served by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, a Dairyland member. When the new unit came online April 1, plant capacity expanded to 4 MW, which is enough renewable energy to power 3,325 homes in the Dairyland system. The Seven Mile Creek LGE plant began operations in 2004.

Along with the new generator, a gas conditioning system was installed at the plant site to increase reliability and reduce maintenance issues. “The methane gas collected at the landfill is essentially ‘cleaned up’ in the conditioning system prior to being used to generate electricity. This will help the engines run smoothly, and reduce maintenance costs,” said Tony McKimmy, Dairyland Manager, Renewable & Combustion Turbine Generation.

Dairyland contracts with Veolia ES to purchase methane gas collected at the Seven Mile Creek Landfill, a regional collector of residential waste. The methane gas, a natural byproduct of the landfill, is used by Dairyland to generate renewable energy for the residential and business consumers in the cooperative system. Dairyland owns the generating equipment and purchases the gas from Veolia ES, the landfill owner.

In 2004, Dairyland received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Landfill Methane Outreach Program’s Energy Partner of the Year award for the Seven Mile Creek LGE plant.

Members in the Dairyland system receive renewable energy from three LGE biogas facilities. Nearly 12,000 homes in Dairyland’s service territory can be powered by the three LGE plants.

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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