FIRSTENERGY SUBSIDIARY SIGNS RENEWABLE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

Akron, OH – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) announced today that its subsidiary, FirstEnergy Solutions (FES), has signed its largest green supply contract with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), a leader in pursuing environmentally sustainable practices within the health care industry.

UPMC has purchased approximately 24,000 renewable energy certificates (RECs) of FirstEnergy Solutions' MixedGreens™ product as a source of a portion of their electric generation. This agreement represents 10 percent of UPMC's electricity load in the Pittsburgh area.

One REC is produced when a renewable energy generator produces one megawatt-hour of electricity. When a company purchases RECs, it is choosing to support the development of renewable electric generation.

MixedGreens is a combination of renewable resources, including wind, biomass, geothermal electric, photovoltaic and hydroelectric.

"We have 145 megawatts of capacity available to us from wind farms in western Pennsylvania, with another 70 megawatts expected to go online this year," says Arthur Yuan, vice president of Sales and Marketing for FES. "Our MixedGreens energy products are a great way for customers to support environmentally friendly energy resources."

"At UPMC, we strive to enhance the quality of life for our patients and the communities in which we live and work. Our agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions serves as another example of our commitment to advancing environmentally sustainable practices, while supporting research and education focused on environmental links to disease," says Allison Robinson, director of UPMC's environmental initiatives.

For instance, the health system recently created a $5-million "green action fund" to support environmentally friendly projects across the health system. It's also building one of the first green pediatric hospitals, supporting significant paper and equipment recycling programs, and removing mercury-containing items from its hospitals. UPMC is the premier health system in western Pennsylvania and one of the most renowned academic medical centers in the United States. Widely recognized for its innovations in patient care, research, technology and health care management, UPMC has transformed the economic landscape in western Pennsylvania. The region's largest employer, with 48,000 employees and nearly $7 billion in revenue, UPMC comprises 20 hospitals, 400 outpatient sites and doctors' offices, retirement and long-term care facilities, an insurance plan with more than 1 million members, and commercial and international ventures. About 5,000 physicians are affiliated with UPMC, including nearly 2,500 employed physicians. For more information, go to www.upmc.com.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation's fifth largest investor-owned electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served within a 36,100-square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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