

Progress Energy's Community Energy Advisory Council invests \$25,000 in energy-efficiency projects

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (June 13, 2008) – Progress Energy and the Community Energy Advisory Council (CEAC) recently awarded \$25,000 in grants to local organizations to support sustainability and energy-conservation projects.

”Progress Energy and the CEAC are happy to support these innovative projects. One of the reasons we created the CEAC was to increase community involvement in sustainability and energy-efficiency programs, and these grants will jump-start some really exciting local ideas,” said Martha Thompson, Progress Energy’s community relations manager for its western region.

The grants will support these organizations:

- The Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Foundation received \$2,500 for the installation of a photovoltaic, solar-generation system in the Engineering and Applied Technology Division at A-B Tech. The goal is to provide educational and training support for green technology.
- The city of Asheville Housing Authority received \$4,550 for the installation of solar water heaters for at least 400 units of public housing. The grant funds will pay for a weeklong solar-energy training program, which 10 residents from public housing will complete as part of a contract with Appalachian Energy.
- The Clean Air Community Trust received \$7,000 for its Youth Leadership in Energy Efficiency Project, a pilot program for a youth climate corps. This will allow students from Asheville-area high schools to perform energy-efficiency retrofits, and those students will lead volunteers in performing retrofits for low-income residents of the area.
- Haywood Community College received \$6,000 for its Demonstration House – a permanent home built on campus with energy-efficiency and conservation elements. The house will be used to train students in building, construction, electrical and plumbing practices for energy efficiency. The money will fund the installation of solar water- and home-heating systems.
- Mountain Housing Opportunities was awarded \$4,100 to put toward the purchase of 853 compact-fluorescent light bulbs for installation in Crowell Park, its newest affordable-housing apartment complex.

- The WNC Nature Center received \$850 to purchase 100 CFLs as spotlights for their indoor exhibits.

Progress Energy Carolinas formed the CEAC in May 2007 to help the company implement energy-efficiency programs (to meet an aggressive PEC goal of achieving 2,000 megawatts of efficiency) and to advise the company on plans to meet the region's electricity demands reliably, affordably and in an environmentally sound manner. The panel includes 18 members who represent local government, environmental organizations, renewable energy companies and area businesses.

Progress Energy, headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., is a Fortune 250 energy company with more than 21,000 megawatts of generation capacity and \$9 billion in annual revenues. The company will observe its 100th anniversary in 2008. Progress Energy includes two major utilities that serve 3.1 million customers in the Carolinas and Florida. The company is the 2006 recipient of the Edison Electric Institute's Edison Award, the industry's highest honor, in recognition of its operational excellence. The company also is the first utility to receive the prestigious J.D. Power and Associates Founder's Award for customer service. Progress Energy serves two growing areas of the country, and the company is pursuing a balanced strategy for a secure energy future. That balance includes aggressive energy-efficiency programs, investments in renewable energy technologies and a state-of-the-art electricity system. For more information about Progress Energy, visit the company's Web site at www.progress-energy.com.

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