

## **FIRSTENERGY SUBSIDIARY SIGNS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PPM ENERGY FOR WIND POWER IN PA**

Akron, Ohio – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) today announced that its FirstEnergy Solutions subsidiary has entered into a 23-year agreement to purchase the 34.5 megawatts (MW) of output from the Casselman Wind Power Project, which is being developed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by PPM Energy, ScottishPower's (NYSE: SPI) competitive U.S. energy business.

Construction for the Casselman project, located about 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh near the towns of Meyersdale and Rockwood in Somerset County, will begin this summer and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2007. It is expected to feature 23 wind turbines rated at 1.5 MW each.

"This partnership is part of the new clean energy industry taking shape in Pennsylvania – one that promises to enhance security, ensure fuel price stability, generate economic growth, create jobs and improve the environment," said Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty, who also serves as chairperson of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority.

"This project builds substantially on our accomplishment of being a leader on the East Coast for wind energy production," Secretary McGinty said. "Pennsylvania will continue to invest energy dollars at home to put residents to work, and we will continue to support renewable energy markets that increase the demand for environmentally friendly electricity generation."

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with one of the leaders in the wind power market," said Guy Pipitone, senior vice president, Operations Strategy & Development, of FirstEnergy. "This agreement will bring our total amount of wind power contracts to 464.5 MW – positioning FirstEnergy to become one of the largest renewable energy suppliers in our region."

“PPM Energy is delighted to enter into an agreement with such a strong company as FirstEnergy as we expand into Pennsylvania, which has one of the most progressive Renewable Portfolio Standards in the nation,” said PPM Energy CEO Terry Hudgens.

“Somerset County is pleased to see a \$61 million dollar investment in our county. Multiple local businesses will participate in this development project, which will assist in maintaining family-sustaining jobs in Somerset County,” said James Marker, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

The Casselman project – which encompasses almost 2,000 acres – was awarded a grant from the PA DEP because it will utilize several hundred acres of reclaimed surface mine areas. In addition, the project received a production incentive grant from the TRF Sustainable Development Fund. The actual footprint of the turbines uses less than two percent of the total acreage. It is expected to create approximately 60 jobs during construction and three to four full-time jobs in the community once it becomes operational.

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 serving 4.5 million customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control nearly 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

PPM Energy now has more than 2,000 MW of wind energy in operation or under construction. The strength of its renewable project pipeline has allowed the company to increase its 2010 target by more than 50 percent to at least 3,500 MW developed or controlled by PPM Energy. PPM Energy balances its supply portfolio with sales to wholesale customers, placing almost all of its output in long-term contracts. Major customers include the cities of Seattle, Sacramento, Eugene, Pasadena, and Anaheim as well as investor-owned utilities such as Xcel Energy and Pacific Gas & Electric Company and the federal Bonneville Power Administration. PPM Energy also creates

innovative new products to meet customer needs, such as operations and maintenance services and build-to-sell project development.

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