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Berkshire Wind Power Project is up and running and supplying power to  
Massachusetts residents; WMGLD is 3<sup>rd</sup> largest shareholder

(Wakefield, MA) – Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) Manager  
Pete Dion was among the electric utility and state officials including Governor Deval  
Patrick who were on hand for the recent dedication of the Berkshire Wind Power Project,  
a ten (10) 1.5 megawatt wind turbine project on Brodie Mountain in Hancock,  
Massachusetts. The dedication marks the completion of the Berkshire Wind Power  
Cooperative Corporation's (BWPC) project that has the capacity to supply electricity to  
approximately 6,000 homes.

The WMGLD is one of 14 municipal electric utilities that purchased the project  
from a private developer as part of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric  
Company's Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative in 2008. WMGLD is the third largest  
shareholder of the project, owning nearly 10% of the project that is expected to have a  
total capacity of 15 megawatts. Peabody Municipal Light Plant will be the largest  
shareholder with ownership of just under 17%.

According to General Manager Dion, who also serves on the Berkshire Wind  
Cooperatives Board of Directors, the project consists of the 10, 1.5-megawatt General  
Electric wind turbine generators, an approximate 16,000-foot access road and an electric  
interconnection system that collects and transmits electricity from the turbines to the

electric distribution system on Brodie Mountain Road. An eight-mile distribution circuit carries electricity to a Pittsfield substation and into the power grid.

The project is the Commonwealth's first onshore wind farm and its largest wind project to date.

"We are happy to have been an integral part of this project as part of the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation," General Manager Dion said. "This is a great opportunity, not only for the WMGLD and its power supply, but also for reducing the Commonwealth's dependence on fossil fuels. With this project, we are making steady progress toward Governor Patrick's goal to install 2,000 megawatts of wind power in Massachusetts by 2020."

"Now that the project is on line, Berkshire Wind is a piece of our portfolio that diversifies our mix of energy sources."

The other 13 communities joining Wakefield in the Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative are Ashburnham, Boylston, Groton, Holden, Hull, Ipswich, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Shrewsbury, Sterling, Templeton, and West Boylston.

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