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DME will be holding a press conference on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 at 9 a.m to release the information below. The press conference is being held in the City of Denton Council Chambers at 215 East McKinney Street in Denton. For directions or more information, please contact Lisa Lemons.

Denton Municipal Electric Secures Green Energy

Denton, TX – Denton Municipal Electric (DME), the City of Denton’s municipally-owned electric utility, has entered into a multi-year power purchase agreement to purchase renewable energy from NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NextEra”). NextEra owns and operates the Wolf Ridge Wind Farm located northwest of Muenster, Texas and is the largest generator of wind and solar renewable energy in North America. Beginning May 1, 2009, NextEra will sell green energy to DME to supply its customers’ long-term power needs and meet the utility’s renewable energy objectives. A portion of the sale proceeds will be directed to NextEra’s EarthEra Renewable Energy Trust, where 100 percent of the trust will be used to build new renewable generation facilities.

This agreement will provide DME with approximately 60 megawatts of renewable energy that comprises about **40% of its energy portfolio on an average monthly basis**. “Providing renewable energy to its customers as a significant percentage of our energy portfolio is an affirmation of DME’s commitment to providing safe, reliable, and economic electricity to the Denton community,” said Mike Grim, DME Executive Manager of Power Supply. “With this transaction, the City of Denton has achieved the top ranking for renewable percentile usage among Texas cities served by a public power utility.”

“Diversifying our overall energy portfolio helps position our organization to better meet the future energy needs of our customers, while still maintaining affordable electric rates.” Phil Williams, DME General Manager added. “This power purchase agreement is the result of months of diligence, hard work and a strong collaborative effort between the City of Denton, our city leaders and NextEra. Adding this wind based generation to the DME Power portfolio will help DME to maintain their low rates which have been consistently below the north Texas deregulated market.”

“As Mayor of Denton, I am excited to see DME take advantage of this opportunity to become green through purchasing renewable energy,” said Mayor Mark Burroughs. “Most cities are hoping



to increase renewable energy standards over the next 10 years by five or ten percent. Denton has demonstrated its leadership in green public power by making 40 percent of DME customers' source of energy renewable right now in 2009!"

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