

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS PROVIDES GREEN OFFSETS FOR ELECTRICITY USED AT EARTH DAY EVENTS

Akron, Ohio – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) has announced that FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., (FES), its competitive subsidiary, has donated renewable energy certificates (RECs) to help offset the electricity used at Earth Day events held at nine colleges and universities in Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The RECs were provided through *SmartWind*,™ a wind energy product now being offered to FES customers.

SmartWind RECs are produced from wind farms in Western Pennsylvania and contracted to FES. *SmartWind* enables FES' commercial and industrial electric generation customers to help support wind technology for producing electricity.

To help offset the electricity used for their Earth Day events, the following colleges and universities each received five *SmartWind* RECs – the equivalent of 5,000 kilowatt hours per school – which is enough to power a large building for the day.

- Alvernia College in Reading, Pa.
- Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio
- Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio
- Carroll Community College in Westminster, Md.
- Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio
- Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio
- Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J.
- Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio
- Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio

When a renewable energy generator – for example, a wind farm – produces one megawatt-hour of electricity that is certified and sold into the wholesale electricity market, it also produces one REC. While customers will not receive any additional electricity as a result of their *SmartWind* purchase, they are helping to sustain a market for the environmental attributes of renewable power generation.

To learn more about *SmartWind*, visit www.fes.com/green. Or, call FirstEnergy Solutions at 1-800-977-0500.

FirstEnergy Solutions provides competitive electricity and other energy-related products and services, and is a licensed supplier in portions of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest.

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 electricity capacity.

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