



KCP&L Media Hotline
(816) 392-9455

MGE Media Contact:
Jason Fulp
(816) 591-7362

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MGE, KCP&L FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO OFFER ENERGY EFFICIENT INCENTIVES

Kansas City, Mo. (Sept. 8, 2009) – Missouri Gas Energy and KCP&L announced today that they have entered into a joint agreement to offer their mutual customers up to \$1,200 in bill credits for making energy efficient improvements to their homes.

The new partnership will be part of the Environmental Protection Agency's Home Performance with Energy Star program, a national initiative designed to provide homeowners with the resources to make energy efficient home improvements. Both KCP&L and MGE are among the many utilities across the country participating in this program. However, this partnership is unique and stands as a model of cooperation between utilities to promote energy efficiency among a common customer base.

"We are pleased that we can combine our efforts with KCP&L's for the good of our customers and the environment," said MGE Chief Operating Officer Rob Hack. "It's a win-win situation for everyone and we hope our customers will partner with us to take advantage of this program."

KCP&L President and Chief Operating Officer, Bill Downey, agrees.

"It is a part of KCP&L's DNA to forge partnerships with companies in the community," said Downey. "These partnerships enable us to offer innovative solutions to help customers reduce their energy consumption and their carbon footprint. In today's economy, it is more important than ever to offer money saving-programs to our customers to help them lower their energy usage and bills."

The program works by having a trained and certified energy auditor perform a whole-home energy audit to find the areas where the house is losing energy. The auditor then prepares a list of home improvements to correct each deficiency. The homeowner selects and implements one of the qualifying improvements and both KCP&L and MGE will reimburse the customer up to \$600 each in bill credits for the combined cost of the energy audit and qualifying home improvements.

Although the energy audit is comprehensive and may list many steps homeowners can take to become more energy efficient, only improvements to the building envelope will qualify for reimbursement. Such improvements include repairing broken ductwork, caulking and sealing air leaks, adding more insulation, and replacing leaky doors and windows.

The Kansas City Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) will administer the program. MEC will also be responsible for training and certifying auditors for the program and ensuring that each audit and home improvement meets program standards.

Although KCP&L customers have been able to take advantage of the Home Performance with Energy Star program for the past two years, the entry of MGE into the program and the joint agreement between the two utilities means that customers have a greater financial incentive to become more energy efficient and to take advantage of federal tax credits.

For more details on the Home Performance with Energy Star program, obtain a list of approved energy auditors or to sign up, visit the program web site at www.hpwes.net or call (816) 285-4330.

Home appliances and HVAC equipment will not qualify for reimbursement. However, both MGE and KCP&L have rebate programs customers can take advantage of to replace their old heating and cooling equipment and water heaters. For more information on each program, visit the utility's web sites at www.kcpl.com or www.MissouriGasEnergy.com.

###

-more-

About KCP&L:

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., Great Plains Energy Incorporated (NYSE: GXP) is the holding company of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, two of the leading regulated providers of electricity in the Midwest. Kansas City Power & Light and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations use KCP&L as a brand name. More information about the companies is available on the Internet at: www.greatplainsenergy.com or www.kcpl.com.

About Missouri Gas Energy:

is a natural gas distribution company headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. with facilities in St. Joseph, Lees Summit, Warrensburg, Joplin, Republic, Neosho and Monett. MGE serves over half-million customers in 155 western Missouri communities and is a division of Southern Union Company (SUG). Its business is regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. For further information, visit www.MissouriGasEnergy.com.

About Southern Union Company:

Southern Union Company, headquartered in Houston, is one of the nation's leading diversified natural gas companies, engaged primarily in the transportation, storage, gathering, processing and distribution of natural gas. The company owns and operates one of the nation's largest natural gas pipeline systems with approximately 20,000 miles of gathering and transportation pipelines and one of North America's largest liquefied natural gas import terminals, along with serving more than half a million natural gas end-user customers in Missouri and Massachusetts. For further information, visit www.sug.com