



Upstate Renewable Energy Project to Power 1,800 Homes

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (April 2, 2015) – Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE:RSG) announced today its newest landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) project located at the Upstate Regional Landfill in Union County. The renewable energy project consists of two reciprocating combustion engines that generate 3,200 kilowatts of energy for the local electric grid, or enough electricity to power more than 1,800 area homes.

“Landfills are essential infrastructure in any community, but their value to society goes well beyond disposal,” said Jamey Amick, area president of Republic Services. “Today’s landfill can help to regenerate air, water and land in a local ecosystem, and in many cases it can create a renewable power source from waste decomposition. We are incredibly proud of this project, and the economic and environmental impacts it will make in the Upstate area for years to come.”

LFGTE projects typically involve capturing methane which is generated when waste decomposes within a landfill. The methane can be harnessed and converted into renewable energy sources that supply the local power grid. This process can displace the use of fossil fuels for energy generation and use, which can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a community.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), three megawatts of energy produced from landfill gas is equivalent to preventing carbon emissions generated by the consumption of 16.6 million gallons of gasoline. Based on EPA methodology, the carbon emissions prevented by the Upstate Regional LFGTE project from entering the air is equivalent to the consumption of roughly 900,000 gallons of gasoline each year.

Republic Services’ subsidiary, Republic Services of South Carolina, LLC, partnered with Lockhart Bioenergy, LLC, an affiliate of Lockhart Power Company and Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc., to develop the Upstate Regional LFGTE project. Lockhart Bioenergy will operate the plant, and its output is being purchased by Duke Energy.

“Together with Pacolet Milliken’s other renewable energy projects, the facility will contribute to the company’s ongoing corporate sustainability efforts to become a leader in implementing renewable power alternatives,” said Richard Webel, president of Pacolet Milliken, the parent company of Lockhart Power.

“We are pleased to bring another renewable energy facility to South Carolina,” said Bryan Stone, chief operating officer at Lockhart Power. “The facility not only generates renewable clean energy for customers in Union County and surrounding areas, but it’s also a great economic development tool for attracting industries tailored for green initiatives to our area. This project is a win-win for our community.”

Republic Services and its subsidiaries operate 73 landfill gas-to-energy projects nationwide. According to the EPA, the combined environmental benefits from these projects are equal to removing more than four million cars from our roads or planting more than 4.5 million acres of trees per year.

Republic Services' subsidiary, Republic Services of South Carolina, LLC, employs 115 people who serve more than 4,500 commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout nine counties in Upstate South Carolina. Republic Services and its subsidiaries operate the Upstate Regional Landfill, Greenville Construction & Demolition Landfill, Greenville Transfer and Processing Facility, and Laurens County Transfer Station in the area.

About Republic Services

Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG) is an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste. Through its subsidiaries, Republic's collection companies, recycling centers, transfer stations and landfills focus on providing effective solutions to make proper waste disposal effortless for their commercial, industrial, municipal, residential and oilfield customers. *We'll handle it from here.*[™], the brand's tagline, lets customers know they can count on Republic to provide a superior experience while fostering a sustainable *Blue Planet*[™] for future generations to enjoy a cleaner, safer and healthier world.

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About Lockhart Power Company

Lockhart Power Company is an investor-owned public utility servicing the Upstate of South Carolina since 1912, with more than 99 percent of its power generated from renewable sources. Lockhart Power provides reliable and cost-effective electric service to its retail and wholesale customers, while also providing renewable energy to the City of Columbia and Duke Energy Carolinas. For more information, please visit www.lockhartpower.com.

About Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc.

Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc. is a private, family-owned investment company founded in 2007 by the shareholders of Milliken & Company with a forward-looking mission to secure and grow high-quality assets with enduring value in the energy and real estate markets. For more information, please visit www.pacoletmilliken.com.

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