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Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Honors Hunterstown Generating Station for Environmental Stewardship

New Oxford, Pa. – The Hunterstown Combined Cycle Power Plant, owned and operated by NRG Energy Inc., received the Environmental Stewardship Award from the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce during a chamber breakfast Feb. 12 at Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community.

The 810-megawatt power plant was built in 2003 on 89 acres of a 307-acre industrial site between Granite Station and Hunterstown roads. The plant is fueled by natural gas, making the energy it produces clean and cost effective.

“Adams County businesses are good stewards of both their business resources and our community’s natural resources,” said Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce President Carrie Stuart. “We’re proud to recognize NRG Energy Inc. for their work to safeguard the environment and ensure future generations can continue to thrive in this community.”

NRG Energy employs 33 skilled technicians to oversee production of electricity using steam created through a combustion process. Some low quality steam escapes in this process, and an air cooled condenser allows the plant to convert this steam to water that is recycled throughout the plant. Since no outside water is used, the plant is able to recycle about 40 percent of its water consumption back to the municipality.

NRG Energy recently upgraded the plant’s combustion and steam turbines, reducing emissions by approximately 64 percent. Plant lighting is also being shifted from High Energy Sodium Vapor to LED to reduce the environmental impact.

The plant has a rigorous recycling program, recycling more than 90 percent of its generated waste, including paper, cardboard, wood plastic and metal, and working with state-approved vendors to recycle residual waste like oil.

“NRG Energy is committed to managing its business in Gettysburg – and everywhere we operate – in an environmentally-responsible manner that focuses on continuous improvement,” said Hunterstown plant manager John Brummer. “We’re very pleased that our local Chamber recognizes and appreciates our efforts and we’re very proud to be a part of this community.”

Honorees over the past five years include: International Paper – Biglerville, Adams Rescue Mission, Littlestown Veterinary Hospital, Gettysburg Eddie’s, Gettysburg Foundation and Hundredfold Farm.

The chamber supports the Adams County business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. More than 530 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org.

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