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Energy Efficiency Fund Presented with Leadership Award for Pioneering Energy Programs in Connecticut

Project Completed by Fund at Mark Twain House Provides Setting for Honors

December 7, 2010, New Britain, Conn. - The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund today announced that it has received the Association of Energy Engineers-Connecticut Chapter's (AEE-CT) "Leadership Award in Energy Efficiency". The Energy Efficiency Fund is being recognized for its work in helping Connecticut organizations advance the efficient use of energy, reduce air pollution and negative environmental impacts, and promote energy security, resulting in cost savings and greener, more sustainable organizations.

The AEE-CT, an organization that promotes energy education and fosters action for sustainable energy efficient development, presented the award to the Energy Efficiency Fund at a ceremony at the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford on November 30, Mark Twain's 175th birthday.

"The Fund was chosen for this leadership award because of its involvement in our award-winning energy efficiency projects. In fact, they are typically involved in all of our projects," said Certified Energy Engineer and AEE-CT President Dan Wheatley. "The Energy Efficiency Fund is supported by utility customers with a small charge on their monthly bills and is used for qualified projects that have a major impact on the energy usage of businesses and residences in Connecticut. Additionally, the Fund helps create jobs, stimulates local businesses, saves fresh water from the mechanical cooling process, and reduces emissions, to name just some of the benefits."

"In 2010 alone, approximately 2,500 businesses in Connecticut participated in a Fund program along with nearly 25,000 residents who received in-home services and thousands more who purchased compact fluorescent lamps at a discount provided by the Fund or redeemed a rebate for a new ENERGY STAR® appliance," said Rich Steeves, Chairman of the Energy Efficiency Board.

Connecticut businesses, families and municipalities are projected to save nearly \$51 million in energy costs in 2010 as a result of energy saved through Fund programs. The programs are administered by CL&P, UI and the natural gas utilities with guidance from the Energy Efficiency Board and oversight by the Department of Public Utility Control.

"The Energy Efficiency Fund's relationships with professional trade organizations like the AEE and other trade allies are vital to the Fund," said Ron Araujo, of Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P), who accepted the award on behalf of the Fund. "We partner with trade allies on thousands of projects a year to promote energy efficiency and improve the competitive business environment in Connecticut."

At the event, the Mark Twain House & Museum also received an "Excellence in Design and Engineering Energy Award" for its participation in the Energy Efficiency Fund's Small Business Energy Advantage program. The Fund provided incentives and CL&P provided technical expertise

that enabled the museum to switch all its lighting to super-efficient LEDs, saving them approximately 50 percent on their electricity costs each year.

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About the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund

The Energy Efficiency Fund promotes efficient energy use, helps residents and businesses save on their electric and natural gas bills, advances economic development reduces electric demand and helps reduce air pollution. Energy Efficiency Fund programs serve residential customers, including limited-and fixed-income customers, as well as business and municipal customers. Connecticut's energy efficiency programs are funded by a charge on customers' utility bills and administered by the state's electric and gas utilities including: Connecticut Light and Power, United Illuminating, Yankee Gas, Connecticut natural Gas and Southern Connecticut Gas. Additional information on Connecticut's energy efficiency programs can be found at www.ctenergyinfo.com or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.