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Providence Health & Services receives Energy Leadership Award for upgrades at Oregon facilities

Energy Trust recognizes as industry, regional leader in energy management

PORTLAND, Ore. — October 15, 2007 —Providence Health & Services received the Energy Leadership Award today from Energy Trust of Oregon, in recognition of their outstanding commitment to energy efficiency and the environment. Since 2004, Providence has invested more than \$10 million in energy upgrades at 27 new and existing Oregon facilities, resulting in combined annual electricity savings of 10.6 million kilowatt hours and 230,000 therms of natural gas. Energy Trust supported these projects with incentives of more than \$1 million.

“Providence is leading the health care industry, both here in Oregon and across the country, in showing what can be accomplished through energy efficiency,” said Margie Harris, executive director, Energy Trust. “Whether it’s building Providence Newberg Hospital, the first LEED certified hospital in the United States, or making facility lighting systems as energy efficient as they can be, Providence is leaving no stone unturned as they pursue cost-effective savings. Providence shows that investing in energy upgrades improves the bottom line and protects Oregon’s environment.”

The regional health care system began implementing a comprehensive energy wellness program at its facilities in 1995, taking advantage of Energy Trust incentives and state energy tax credits to make their investment as cost effective as possible. “Now that we have captured savings from the low-hanging fruit, such as lighting and other measures, we are going deeper and taking advantage of new technology to create state-of-the-art facilities,” said Richard Beam, director, Energy Management Service, Providence Health & Services.

An example of taking the next step is the central utility plant at Providence Portland Medical Center in Portland. Hospitals and other health care facilities have special demands and code requirements for air change, pressurization and air filtration systems. The construction of a new 11-story, 500,000 square-foot cancer center at the hospital created the need and opportunity to rebuild the facility’s central utility plant that manages the energy consumption of the entire campus. Through a careful and comprehensive plan, Providence upgraded or replaced heating, cooling and ventilation equipment, creating a facility that is saving 2.7 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 153,000 therms of natural gas each year. In addition

to serving the campus, the facility also provides backup power to the Portland General Electric (PGE) grid through a contract with the utility's Dispatchable Standby Generation program.

"The construction of the new building on the Portland campus gave us the opportunity to take the central utility plant to the next level," said Richard Beam. "We've had the opportunity to improve the entire energy management system by building the most modern and energy efficient utility plant we can."

Energy Trust provides cash incentives to businesses seeking to improve energy efficiency through the Existing Buildings program and the New Buildings program for new construction and major renovations. In 2006, Energy Trust supported 2,535 projects with Oregon commercial and industrial businesses that are saving nearly 135 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 1.2 million therms of natural gas each year.

Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to changing how Oregonians use energy by promoting energy efficiency and clean renewable energy for Oregon customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas. For more information, visit the Energy Trust website, www.energytrust.org, or call 1-866-368-7878.

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