

Waste Connections' Potrero Hills Landfill Announces Long-Term Renewable Energy Project

FOLSOM, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 12, 2009--Waste Connections, Inc. today announced that it has entered into a long-term agreement to expand its landfill gas to energy operations at the Potrero Hills Landfill in Northern California. Under the 25-year agreement with DTE Biomass Energy, landfill gas will be recovered and converted into renewable electric power. The project is expected to produce enough electricity to power approximately 7,000 homes per year.

"We currently have 17 renewable energy projects either operating or in development that are expected to produce almost 40 megawatts of power and 10,000 cubic feet per minute of pipeline quality gas. We also have more than 15 additional landfills that either qualify or could qualify for carbon emission credits and potentially be developed into future renewable energy projects," said Jim Little, Waste Connections' Senior Vice President - Engineering and Disposal.

"We are proud to be partnering with Waste Connections at the Potrero Hills Landfill to produce a long-term supply of sustainable renewable energy from an otherwise unused resource," said Mark Cousino, DTE Biomass Energy President.

About Waste Connections

Waste Connections, Inc. (NYSE:WCN) is an integrated solid waste services company that provides solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services in mostly secondary markets in the Western and Southern U.S. The Company serves approximately two million residential, commercial and industrial customers from a network of operations in 26 states. The Company also provides intermodal services for the movement of containers in the Pacific Northwest. Waste Connections, Inc. was founded in September 1997 and is headquartered in Folsom, California. For more information, visit the Waste Connections web site at www.wasteconnections.com.

About DTE Biomass Energy

DTE Biomass Energy, headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DTE Energy (NYSE:DTE). The company has provided communities with safe, environmentally sound energy since 1988 by developing, owning and operating landfill gas recovery systems throughout the United States. DTE Biomass Energy has more than 25 operating sites in 14 states. For more information, visit the DTE Biomass Energy web site at www.dtebe.com.

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