

Fibrowatt selects Montgomery County site for renewable energy plant

February 10, 2009- PLANT THAT GENERATES POWER FROM POULTRY LITTER WILL CREATE NEW JOBS AND PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICE TO LOCAL POULTRY FARMERS

THE NEWS:

- **A new biomass power plant is coming to Montgomery County:** Fibrowatt has selected a site offered by Montgomery County near Biscoe to build a new power plant that will be fueled with poultry litter and other biomass materials. Construction is expected to start in 2010 and the plant is scheduled to open in 2012.
- **Fibrowatt has previously announced plans to build poultry litter-fueled power plants in Sampson and Surry counties.** The next steps include signing long-term agreements for the purchase of the plants renewable energy and proceeding with permitting, financing, and construction.

WHY THIS IS NOTABLE:

- **It will create new jobs and provide an economic boost:** The new plant will support upwards of 100 full-time jobs and is expected to contribute approximately \$13 million annually to the local economy through fuel purchases and transportation, employee payroll, and facility maintenance costs. During the two-year construction phase, the project is expected to support as many as 300 construction jobs.
- **It provides poultry farmers with a needed alternative for the management of poultry litter.** Fibrowatt offers an attractive, year round alternative to land application of poultry litter – a valuable service for one of the nation’s largest poultry producing states. Benefits of this service include a decrease in the spreading of surplus poultry litter, which reduces nutrient impacts on the region’s soil and water resources.
- **It is a significant new source of renewable energy for North Carolina.** The plant will generate up to 55 megawatts of energy, enough energy to power more than 40,000 homes. This power will help North Carolina utilities meet their renewable energy requirements that take effect in 2012.
- **Fibrowatt opened the nation’s first poultry litter-fueled power plant in Benson, Minnesota in 2007.**

EMERGING TRENDS & KEY ISSUES:

- **Reflects the growth of renewable energy businesses.** North Carolina is benefitting from a renewable energy bill passed in 2007 that requires utilities to provide minimum levels of renewable energy beginning in 2012 — including energy generated from sources like solar and biomass materials such as poultry litter.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Through renewable energy, the plant can benefit the poultry industry by providing a sustainable solution for poultry litter and can be viewed as a significant offset to the energy usage of the industry.

QUOTES

- **Lance Metzler, County Manager, Montgomery County**
“The substantial economic investment that Fibrowatt is making in Montgomery County is extraordinarily valuable, especially during these challenging economic times. This project will support 100 new jobs and have a significant, positive impact on our economy. At the same time, Fibrowatt is offering an important service to the local poultry industry that will deliver economic and environmental benefits.”
- **N.C. Representative Melanie Goodwin (represents Montgomery County)**
“This is a great development for Montgomery County that will bring needed jobs and help support our local economy. Renewable energy represents a tremendous growth opportunity for our state and I am hopeful that more companies like Fibrowatt will choose to do business in North Carolina.”
- **Fibrowatt CEO Rupert Fraser**
“Moving forward with our three plants in North Carolina is a top priority for Fibrowatt. There is tremendous opportunity here for Fibrowatt to support the state’s renewable energy goals and provide a much-needed service to local poultry farmers.”

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **Site Details:** The Montgomery County site is located on a 140-acre tract outside of Biscoe along NC Route 24/27 and close to the intersection of NC Interstate 73/74. The tract includes five privately-owned parcels of land, the largest of which is currently owned by Jordan Timberlands. The County has put in place an option to purchase the site and once financing for the project is finalized, Fibrowatt will purchase the property.
- **Site Features:** The Montgomery County site has several attractive features including convenient transportation routes, proximity to a Progress Energy transmission line, and existing industrial zoning. The company also considered sites in Moore County and Stanly County.
- **Tax Incentives:** Fibrowatt will receive tax incentives from Montgomery County and the Town of Biscoe worth approximately \$4.8 million. The incentives include tax “grant backs” that will reduce the cost of Fibrowatt’s property taxes for five years.
- **Annexation:** The Town of Biscoe will execute a satellite annexation of the site and provide municipal services that include fire protection, law enforcement and trash collection.

ABOUT FIBROWATT

- A Pennsylvania-based developer, builder and operator of electrical power plants fueled with poultry litter and other biomass.
- Opened the nation’s first poultry litter-fueled power plant in Benson, Minnesota in 2007.
- Founded in 2000 by the management team that built and operated the world’s first three poultry litter-fueled power plants in the United Kingdom in the 1990s.
- Owned by Homeland Renewable Energy Inc.
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