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PA HOME ENERGY HOSTS SOLAR TRAINING WORKSHOP

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA – November 19, 2008 - PA Home Energy wants to be out in front of the solar wave that is about to hit the state. PA Home Energy, a new program from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy fund that focuses on helping Pennsylvania consumers to reduce their energy usage, will begin to position their Service Providers and outside contractors, consultants and remodelers to be able to take advantage of this growing demand for solar expertise.

Attendees will learn how to offer their customers solar site assessments as part of a comprehensive energy audit, and tap into the growing consumer interest in green energy. Topics will include: types of solar systems, steps to solar siting, the solar pathfinder, field time demonstrating the use of the solar pathfinder, resources for economic analyses of solar systems, financial incentives at the state and federal levels, incorporating solar in TREAT/REM analyses, how to find certified solar installers and pathways for solar installation training.

The solar training workshop presenters include Pam Denlinger and Mauricio Medina. Pamela Denlinger is founder and director of Solair Energy, Inc. Solair offers a unique array of energy solutions to residential and business customers. Solair installs solar water heating and solar photovoltaics along with small wind turbines, 1 kW to 15 kW. Solair Energy is also a full-service energy conservation company. Pamela also spends a lot of her time helping customers to understand how renewable energy systems work, as well as the complementary benefits of energy conservation.

Mauricio Medina, solar specialist at Performance Systems Development, designs and installs both solar PV and solar thermal systems. Mauricio has trained at the nation's foremost renewable energy training centers, including Solar Energy International (SEI) and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. Prior to joining Performance Systems, he was owner of a renewable energy company that specialized in radiant heating, solar thermal and solar PV system design and installation. He has PV Installer Certification from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP), and is in pursuit of his NABCEP Solar Thermal Installer Certification.

Solar Site Assessment Workshop

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA (lunch will be included)

\$25 for PA Home Energy Service Providers and Trainees/\$50 for all others

Registration form available online at www.pahomeenergy.org

About PA Home Energy

PA Home Energy is a new program from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund that is focused on helping Pennsylvania consumers reduce their home energy use while improving their comfort. If you own a home or are building or buying new, learn what you can do to reduce your energy use and save money. The program integrates the general principles of whole house performance with green home design. At the heart of PA Home Energy is ENERGY STAR – a widely recognized brand that is easy to understand. PA Home Energy will be providing a modest financial incentive to the Pennsylvania residents whose electric service is provided by Allegheny Power. To learn more, visit www.pahomeenergy.org.

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