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TOUCHMARK, EDMOND ELECTRIC PARTNER TO PROVIDE 'GREEN POWER'

EDMOND, Okla. — Edmond residents will be relying less on fossil fuels for its power thanks to a new partnership. Touchmark at Coffee Creek retirement community is teaming up with Edmond Electric to offer pollution-free power to its residents, making it the largest purchaser of renewable energy for residential use in Edmond.

Charlie Burgett, director of Edmond Electric, commends Touchmark's environmental stewardship and stated Touchmark also ranks as the fourth largest customer for commercial use, behind the University of Central Oklahoma.

The significant use of wind power for Touchmark's Grandview building has allowed it to qualify for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) voluntary program Green Power Partnership, which promotes green power among leading U.S. organizations.

Touchmark's purchase of more than 1,000 MWh (megawatts per hour) of green power is equivalent to removing 121 cars from the road for an entire year or planting 186 acres of trees, according to the EPA.

"Touchmark is committed to enhancing the lives of residents and staff as well as families living throughout the community, and this decision is another tangible example of that commitment," says Jamie Ham, executive director of Touchmark at Coffee Creek, who proposed the idea and implemented the plan.

Edmond Electric, through Edmond-based Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA), is purchasing wind as a “fuel” for generating electricity, which is clean and efficient. The obvious benefit is in the savings of fossil-fuel resources and avoidance of the environmental impacts associated with burning these fuels. OMPA’s wind farm, with 34 turbines, is located northeast of Woodward.

“Edmond Electric applauds Touchmark officials for their commitment to purchase green power for their residents and in supporting a community-wide initiative,” said Burgett.

“Touchmark’s actions will serve as an excellent example for Edmond citizens and for other companies, locally and nationally.”

For additional information on a business partnership, please visit www.edmondelectric.com or, to learn more about Touchmark at Coffee Creek, visit TouchmarkEdmond.com or call 340-1975.

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