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## **Focus on Energy Welcomes St. Croix Gas**

*- St. Croix Gas to participate in full range of Focus on Energy Programs -*

**MADISON, Wis. (June 27, 2007)** – Focus on Energy, Wisconsin’s energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative, announced today that St. Croix Gas will officially become a program member beginning July 1, 2007. The River Falls-based utility is a natural gas utility that serves River Falls, Prescott, Hammond and surrounding townships in Pierce and St. Croix counties.

"We are delighted that natural gas utilities such as St. Croix Gas are able to participate in the Focus on Energy Program," said Dan Ebert, Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the agency that manages the state's Focus on Energy Program. "Because of these programs, St. Croix Gas' customers will be able to lower their utility bills, reduce their carbon footprint, and create a healthier environment for Wisconsin."

St. Croix Gas will participate in the Business, Residential and Renewable Energy offerings under the Focus on Energy umbrella. The benefits of participating include:

- Business Programs that help manufacturers, commercial businesses, farmers, schools and local governments reduce operating costs, increase their bottom line and improve productivity and employee and customer comfort. The programs offer technical expertise, training and financial incentives to help implement innovative energy management projects.
- Wisconsin ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Homes, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Apartment & Condo Efficiency Services Programs that encompass new and existing homes, multi-family construction and remodeling projects for all types of residential dwellings. These programs help homeowners and landlords integrate energy improvements into their remodeling projects, as well as deliver newly-built homes, apartments and condominiums that are comfortable, safe, durable and energy efficient.
- Lighting and appliance programs that increase the availability of ENERGY STAR qualified products ranging from clothes washers to compact fluorescent light bulbs to heating and

cooling equipment. These efforts deliver lower energy bills for residents and businesses and increased sales for retailers and contractors.

- Renewable Energy Programs that help residents and businesses harness energy from sunlight, wind and organic materials.

“Everyone wins with this new partnership,” said Marti Piepgras, Vice President of St. Croix Gas. “We have the ability to offer our customers opportunities to increase their energy efficiency, take advantage of innovative technology, and even move into renewables such as solar and biofuels. As a result, they will save money and so will our schools.”

For more information about Focus on Energy and its energy saving programs, call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

### **About Focus on Energy**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

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