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Local Business Honored for Successful Renewable Energy Project

- ST Paper's new biomass energy system will reduce fossil fuel consumption, lower energy bills and protect the environment -

OCONTO FALLS, Wis. (Sept. 23, 2009) — Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Chairperson, Eric Callisto recognized ST Paper of Oconto Falls, Wis., on the recent completion of the company's biomass energy system. On Sept. 22, 2009, Chairperson Callisto presented the company with a check for \$237,500 from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide resource for energy efficiency and renewable energy. The grant check will be used to defray the cost of the biomass energy system.

“The renewable energy industry is booming, and as technologies and incentives improve, it is my hope more businesses in Wisconsin will take ST Paper's lead,” said Chairperson Callisto. “Not only is this company a shining example on how to accomplish economic savings, it's a beacon of environmental responsibility.”

ST Paper, a manufacturer of tissue products, installed the biomass energy system with technical and financial assistance from Focus on Energy. The system, a 1,500-horsepower wood-fired boiler, is an alternative to using natural gas to produce heat; and is being used to produce 95 percent of the steam needed for the plant's process requirements. Prior to the installation of this wood-fired boiler the steam necessary to operate the plant was produced by two natural gas boilers. The system is expected to offset 4,853,000 therms a year; that's enough heat for nearly 5,000 homes.

Focus on Energy strives to make renewable energy an attainable option not only for companies like ST Paper, but for businesses and residents throughout Wisconsin. Focus encourages Wisconsinites to investigate and take advantage of renewable energy sources by providing education, training and financing.

To find more information about technical and financial assistance available through Focus on Energy, visit focusonenergy.com or call (800) 762-7077.

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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 be 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 focusonenergy.com.

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