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UNION GAS ENERGY-EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES HELP HOSPITALS REDUCE ENERGY USE AND LOWER OPERATING COSTS

Toronto ON, June 13th 2011 – Union Gas, the Centre for Environmental Sustainability in Healthcare (CESH), a Toronto-based non-profit organization and the University of Waterloo began collaborating on a research initiative that will assist healthcare organizations to identify and incorporate energy conservation measures into their operations.

Union Gas is supporting the initiative by providing substantial funding through the company's EnerSmart program. CESH will work in partnership with Professor Anindya Sen of the Department of Economics, University of Waterloo. Economics students from The University of Waterloo will conduct the research at three sites within the Union Gas service area and CESH will be responsible for the technical content of the project.

“CESH has estimated that tens of million dollars in energy efficiency savings can be realized over the next few years in Ontario Healthcare organizations, if appropriate actions are taken. Helping healthcare service organizations identify energy conservation opportunities, and incorporating them into management's operating strategies is the first step towards significant savings,” said Nick Pairaudeau, President of the CESH. “And the findings from the research will be integrated into programs that can help positively influence sustainable operating practices across the healthcare sector”.

“Through the Union Gas EnerSmart program, we help our business customers make smart investments in energy-efficient equipment and technologies,” said Mel Ydreos, vice-president of marketing and customer care at Union Gas. “This initiative will assist area hospitals to significantly reduce energy costs while also reducing their environmental footprint.”

“I am extremely pleased at the opportunity of conducting research with CESH,” said Professor Sen. “Energy conservation and efficient demand response will form the backbone of many future policies implemented at both the provincial and national levels. In this respect, it is critically important to define and identify avenues for achieving efficiencies across different industries. This research grant from the EnerSmart program will help in data collection that has the potential of informing us on the efficacy of different strategies and management choices regarding energy consumption in the health sector – a topic in which there is a paucity of peer reviewed scientific studies. This is also an exciting opportunity for graduate students to attain expertise in conducting important policy related research.

Facilities have begun working with CESH on measurement and conservation efforts and are beginning to see the rewards.

For more information on the Centre for Environmental Sustainability in Healthcare please visit www.thecesh.com.

About CESH

The CESH is an organization dedicated to reducing costs and improving environmental performance in Ontario’s healthcare sector through energy conversation. Created by leaders in health care, CESH members span the health care, research, energy, and finance sectors. CESH helps to develop capacity and is a true collaboration that leverages the experience and research of others.

About Union Gas

Union Gas Limited is a major Canadian natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with 100 years of experience and service to customers. The distribution business serves 1.3 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in more than 400 communities across northern, southwestern and eastern Ontario. Union Gas's growing storage and transmission business offers premium storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. It offers customers an important link in the movement of natural gas from Western Canadian and U.S. supply basins to markets in central Canada and the northeast U.S. Union Gas, one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for 2011, is a Spectra Energy (**NYSE: SE**) company with assets of \$5.6 billion and approximately 2,200 employees. For more information, visit www.uniongas.com.

About University of Waterloo

In just half a century, the University of Waterloo, located at the heart of Canada's Technology Triangle, has become one of Canada's leading comprehensive universities with 30,000 full- and part-time students in undergraduate and graduate programs. Waterloo, as home to the world's largest post-secondary co-operative education program, embraces its connections to the world and encourages enterprising partnerships in learning, research and discovery. In the next decade, the university is committed to building a better future for Canada and the world by championing innovation and collaboration to create solutions relevant to the needs of today and tomorrow. For further details, visit www.uwaterloo.ca.

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