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## **District Energy Celebrates 25 Years of Service**

St. Paul, Minnesota – District Energy St. Paul hosted a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for board members, employees, customers, vendors and community leaders at the Science Museum of Minnesota on June 11. The event included a brief program, recognition of 25-year board members and employees, and the presentation of the first Creative Leadership Award to William M. Mahlum, who has provided legal counsel and consulting services to District Energy since the company was founded in 1979.

Launched as a demonstration project in 1983, District Energy was Saint Paul's response to the energy crises of the mid- and late-1970s. The venture was a public/private partnership among the City of Saint Paul, State of Minnesota, U.S. Department of Energy and the downtown business community, all of whom wanted to prove the viability of a hot water district heating system in a state with cold winters.

In 1993, ten years after the successful startup of the district heating system, District Energy began offering district cooling service to downtown building owners. And ten years later, in 2003, District Energy became a "green" energy service provider following construction of an affiliated combined heat and power (CHP) plant that is fueled by a renewable resource—clean, urban wood waste. Using renewable energy, the CHP plant simultaneously produces about 65 megawatts of thermal energy for District Energy and 25 megawatts of electricity for Xcel Energy. It is the largest wood-fired CHP plant serving a district energy system in the nation.

"In the district energy field, we are considered the most successful in the United States in terms of both using renewable energy sources and energy conservation," says Anders Rydaker, president of District Energy St. Paul and District Cooling St. Paul.

Today District Energy heats more than 185 buildings and 300 single-family homes (31.1 million square feet) and cools more than 95 buildings (18.8 million square feet) in downtown Saint Paul and adjacent areas. Its cooling system includes two chilled water storage tanks that hold 6.5 million gallons of water that is chilled at night, during off-peak electrical hours, for consumer use during the day. Customers enjoy stable rates, unsurpassed reliability and energy efficient heating and cooling service.

Two additional anniversary events preceded the June 11 celebration. On May 8, District Energy was the presenting sponsor of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Millard Fillmore Dinner hosted by the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation. One of the event's highlights was the presentation of the first Community Energy Visionary Award to former Mayor George Latimer, who introduced the district heating concept to Saint Paul building owners and carried the project through to successful completion.

On May 9, District Energy donated 25 live evergreen trees to the City of Saint Paul's new Trees Saint Paul program for planting at the newly expanded Jimmy Lee Recreation Center. District Energy's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the City reflects its commitment to using a renewable resource—clean, urban wood waste—to heat and cool downtown Saint Paul buildings.

### **About District Energy St. Paul**

District Energy St. Paul heats about 80 percent and cools about 60 percent of the commercial, residential, industrial and large institutional buildings in downtown Saint Paul and adjacent areas. Its primary fuel is a renewable, local resource: clean, urban wood waste. The company is committed to energy conservation and environmental stewardship. For more information, visit [www.districtenergy.com](http://www.districtenergy.com).

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