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Berkshire Gas Recognized for Nearly Doubling Corporate Recycling Program

Pittsfield, MA – February 26, 2009, Berkshire Gas has been recognized by The Center for Ecological Technology of Pittsfield, Massachusetts (CET) for increasing its 2008 corporate waste paper recycling program by almost 100% over the previous year.

Berkshire Gas presently recycles a variety of materials used in the conduct of its business including waste oil, batteries and cardboard in addition to paper waste generated at its office locations. CET works with the Company on a variety of environmental programs and collects the waste paper to be recycled throughout the year, keeping tabs on the volume of paper sent to recycling.

In congratulating the Company on the success of its 2008 waste paper recycling program, CET noted that 11,400 pounds of office paper had been recycled saving 125 trees and preventing 3,762 pounds of air pollutants while also conserving 2,189 gallons of oil.

At the end of 2007, CET acknowledged the Company's year long effort recycling 5,850 pounds of office paper had been recycled saving 64 trees and preventing 1,931 pounds of air pollutants while also conserving 1,123 gallons of oil.

Commenting on the CET recognition, Berkshire Gas President Karen Zink noted, "Having a real appreciation for the natural beauty of our service area in western Massachusetts, it is only right to honor the environment and demonstrate that commitment throughout our business. We are thankful to CET for working with us as our partner in environmental stewardship in many aspects of our business and we appreciate their acknowledgement and recognition of our efforts and successes."

About Berkshire Gas

Berkshire Gas is a subsidiary of Energy East Corporation, a super-regional energy services and delivery company in the Northeast. We serve 36,000 natural gas customers in western Massachusetts. By providing outstanding customer service and meeting our customers' energy requirements in an environmentally responsible manner, we will continue to be a valuable asset to the communities we serve. For more information about Berkshire Gas, visit berkshiregas.com.

About the Center for Ecological Technology

Since 1976, the Center for Ecological Technology (CET), a non-profit (501c3) organization, engages in work that demonstrates and promotes practical, affordable solutions to the environmental challenges encountered in our daily activities. CET's mission is "to research, develop, demonstrate and promote those technologies which have the least disruptive impact on the natural ecology of the Earth." From offices in Pittsfield, Northampton and Springfield, CET finds sustainable solutions to complex issues in order to benefit our environment, health, economy, and community.