



## Press Release

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### **Berkshire Gas Recycling Program Receives CET Recognition**

**Pittsfield, MA** - The Center for Ecological Technology of Pittsfield, Massachusetts (CET) has recognized Berkshire Gas for the success of its 2007 corporate waste paper recycling program.

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 2007 waste paper recycling program, CET noted that 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.

Berkshire Gas has also had the Western Massachusetts Electric Company audit energy use at its corporate facilities. The resulting data was used to install measures and make changes that have reduced the Company's electric demand and consumption.

The Company has supplemented its local environmental initiatives with a more broad based industry effort joining the Environmental Protection Agency's Natural Gas STAR Program in May of 2007. That program is a partnership between EPA and the natural gas and oil industry that encourages the voluntary implementation of cost-effective technologies and practices designed to improve operational efficiencies and reduce methane emissions. Today, the U.S. natural gas and oil industry emits approximately six percent less methane than it did in 1990, largely because of partner-company proactive methane emission reductions in collaboration with the Natural Gas STAR program.

As part of the EPA effort, the Company has been assessing its operations at all levels in an effort to maximize environmental compatibility and minimize impacts.

In commenting on the CET recognition, Berkshire Gas President Karen Zink noted, "Environmental commitment is more than words, it requires action. Berkshire Gas is committed to acting on behalf of the environment. We are pleased with the recognition we have received from CET for our corporate recycling program and we remain committed to continuing to maximize our efforts to recycle and to explore other areas of our operations that can be made more environmentally compatible."

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#### About Berkshire Gas

Berkshire Gas is a subsidiary of Energy East Corporation [NYSE: EAS], 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](http://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.