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Berkshire Gas Donates 48 Computers to Area Schools

Area Schools Benefit from PC Upgrades

Pittsfield, MA – April 8, 2009, Students at McCann Technical High School in North Adams and Saint Stanislaus Kostka School in Adams are taking a step up in the digital world thanks to Berkshire Gas and its donation of 48 personal computers that have been retired or replaced.

As a matter of policy, the Company replaces desktop computers on an ongoing basis to make sure that employees have technology that is both current and appropriate to the needs of a given business area or department. Machines that have been retired are evaluated for their salvage value or potential use. If the machines are determined to be serviceable, they are set aside for donation. Otherwise, arrangements are made to dispose of the equipment in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and consistent with Company policy.

The donated equipment, which also includes some 20 computer monitors, represents the bulk of machines replaced by the Company during 2008. Of the 48 computers being donated, 20 are being donated to St. Stanislaus Kostka School where they will replace equipment that is 10 years old. The remaining 28 are going to McCann Technical.

Commenting on the donation, Berkshire Gas Information Technology Manager Rick Salatino noted, “I am glad that we are able to support these schools while, at the same time, maximizing the life of the equipment by reusing it in line with our Green Initiative.”