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Excela Health Receives Energy Efficiency Grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund to Increase Hospitals' Energy Efficiency

GREENSBURG, PA – April 2, 2012 – Excela Health and the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) are working together to reduce the Westmoreland County health system's energy use within its three hospitals: Frick Hospital in Mount Pleasant; Latrobe Hospital and Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg. All three facilities are fully licensed acute care hospitals committed to community access to vital acute care services and emergent care. Combined, the hospitals comprise 1.25 million square feet and Excela Health is looking to reduce energy and water costs at these facilities by 10%.

Under the grant, the WPPSEF will provide $67,000 to support Excela Health's energy reduction program, which includes a comprehensive utility bill analysis, and an ASHRAE Level 2 energy audit at each hospital. Program goals are to identify and implement programs that will have an annual reduction of 2M kWh of electricity, a 5% reduction in natural gas usage, and a 10% reduction in water/sewage utilities. These savings equates to an annual reduction of 1,600 metric tons of CO_2 for reducing Excela's electric use, 508 metric tons of CO_2 for reducing natural gas consumption, and a savings of an estimated 5.6 million gallons of water annually.

"Lower utility expenses will help reduce operating costs for Excela Health allowing capital to be invested into improvements in vital medical services and technology contributing to our mission of improving the health and well being of every life we touch," said Scott Koscho, Excela Health's Vice President of Support Services, who is responsible for facility maintenance.

Joel Morrison, Director of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF), stated "the Excela Health program fits well into the mission of the WPPSEF helping a non-profit health care system realize significant energy savings which benefits the West Penn ratepayer and the communities that are served by these three hospitals. We are delighted to be a part of this program."

Excela Health is the region's third largest health system providing services to residents of Westmoreland and parts of Indiana and Fayette Counties, through acute inpatient care, outpatient diagnostic and rehabilitation centers and in the home. Visit www.excelahealth.org for more information.

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund invests in the deployment of clean energy technologies throughout the West Penn Power service region in Pennsylvania. Investments are made to promote: the use of renewable and clean energy, energy conservation and energy efficiency, and the attraction, establishment and retention of sustainable energy businesses. Visit www.wppsef.org for more information.

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