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### **District's Investment in Energy Efficiency Paying Big Dividends** *\$18 million investment results in \$100 million in lifetime energy savings*

**November 25, 2014 (Washington, DC)** – The DC Sustainable Energy Utility's (DCSEU) \$18 million investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy for District residents and businesses during FY 2014 will result in more than \$100 million in lifetime energy savings for customers, according to the DCSEU's 2014 Annual Report submitted today.

The report illustrates that through energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, the DCSEU has helped District residents in 2014 conserve more than 60 thousand megawatt hours of electricity, an equivalent to the power used by more than 7,000 homes within a year. Customers were also able to save over 134,000 Mcf of natural gas, the report states, enough to heat the Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library for more than 100 years. These initiatives, according to the report, have helped to prevent more than 110 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere.

"This DCSEU annual report shows clearly that we are on track to strengthen our commitment toward energy efficiency in the District," said Keith A. Anderson, Director of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the agency that oversees the DCSEU. "We have a lot more work to do but we already have the right mix of programs and goals in place to lead by example, help to grow our economy, and ensure measurable environmental benefits."

Earlier this year, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) credited the DCSEU for helping the District to move become one of this year's most improved states in energy efficiency in the United States. The District moved up nine places in the country's overall rankings for energy efficiency. According to the ACEE's 2014 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, the DCSEU's ability to ramp up programs helped the District achieve both electric and natural gas savings.

The DCSEU's work in energy efficiency has also supported the employment of hundreds of District residents through the delivery of DCSEU initiatives in each of the City's eight Wards, creating 82 full-time equivalent jobs. Its commitment to serving the District's low-income community is demonstrated through its investment of more than \$6 million in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in income-qualified multifamily and single family homes. These investments are helping to preserve the city's affordable housing stock by reducing energy costs for both building owners and residents.

“Energy efficiency empowers the District by stabilizing energy costs, creating jobs, stimulating economic growth, and reducing carbon emissions,” said Ted Trabue, Managing Director of the DCSEU. “As we embark on FY 2015, we look forward to measuring our success in terms of the energy savings of our customers and the economic opportunities for residents and businesses.”

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## ABOUT DCSEU

Since 2011, the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) has been providing District residents and businesses with energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions, financial incentives, and technical assistance to help reduce energy costs. Led by the Sustainable Energy Partnership and under contract with DDOE, the DCSEU is committed to environmental preservation, community engagement, and economic development.

*The FY 2014 data are based on the DCSEU's estimates of energy savings and green job hours. These data are subject to rigorous monitoring and verification by a third-party evaluation firm hired by DDOE.*