

News Release

Brookfield Renewable Power Pledges \$50,000 to Natural Resource Education Center for New Visitor's Center *Kiosk to Showcase Benefits of Hydropower in Maine's North Woods Region*

MILLINOCKET, Maine (July 21, 2010) – Brookfield Renewable Power announced that it will contribute \$50,000 to the Natural Resource Education Center (NREC) for construction of a new visitor's center building in the Moosehead Lake region of Maine.

Currently NREC offers an array of nature and cultural youth and adult programming at a variety of locations in Greenville, Maine – the gateway to Moosehead Lake, the North Maine Woods and two key river systems. The new NREC building is expected to open in December 2010, and will house orientation and interpretation services, educational exhibits, both on-site and off-site programs, interpretive trails, and events that explain and celebrate the unique natural and cultural heritage of the region. The center will also become the new home for the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. NREC and the Chamber will combine efforts to provide a positive experience for the visitors to the Moosehead Lake region.

The Brookfield funds will be used, in part, to develop a kiosk on the benefits of hydropower and public safety at hydroelectric facilities. The donated funds will also be used to purchase books and educational materials on Maine's native species, including taxidermy and wood carvings, as well as other collateral for use in NREC's youth and adult programming. Finally, a portion of the funds will allow NREC to improve building construction, such as the installation of steel I-beams in the center's downstairs education center to eliminate the need for support columns.

"Collaborating with NREC on this exhibit for its new building is a natural fit for Brookfield as we own and operate 27 hydropower facilities or storage dams on Maine's Penobscot, Kennebec, and Androscoggin rivers – areas nearby Greenville," said Brian Stetson, general manager, New England operations. "The new center will be a great educational resource and an excellent place to highlight the importance of the area's rivers and lakes."

According to Tim Obrey, NREC vice president, "We are very fortunate to have Brookfield as a corporate partner with strong ties to our community. With Brookfield's generous donation, we will be able to showcase the important role that hydropower plays in this region. The Brookfield contribution is essential in furthering the mission of NREC to provide visitors and residents in our region with an understanding of the management of our rich natural resources, the opportunities provided within the area, and the ways to use these resources safely, responsibly, and with great enjoyment."

Brookfield's donation to NREC for this project will be provided through the company's Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI) program over a two-year period. The SDI program ensures sustainable development while protecting and enhancing the ecosystems in communities where Brookfield operates and where its employees work and live.

About NREC

The NREC is a nonprofit 501(C) (3) educational corporation with the mission of providing resource-based programming to visitors and residents of the state of Maine. For additional information visit www.naturalresourceeducationcenter.org.

About Brookfield Renewable Power

Brookfield Renewable Power Inc., wholly-owned by Brookfield Asset Management Inc., has more than 100 years of experience as an owner, operator and developer of hydroelectric power facilities. Its total portfolio includes more than 165 generating facilities with approximately 4,100 megawatts of capacity in North America and Brazil. In the United States, the company has a total portfolio of 100 hydropower facilities in nine states on 25 river systems totaling more than 1,900 megawatts of capacity; enough power to electrify over 600,000 average U.S. households annually. For more information, please visit Brookfield Renewable Power's website at www.brookfieldpower.com and Brookfield Asset Management's website at www.brookfield.com.

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