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Progress Arkansas Commends “Recovery Through Retrofit” Energy Efficiency Initiatives

Little Rock, Arkansas/October 19, 2009 – The Office of Vice President Joseph Biden, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other federal departments announced the “Recovery Through Retrofit” report today. This program outlines a plan to create energy savings by retrofitting homes, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and spur green growth job creation.

Top recommendations of the report include:

- Provide American homeowners with straightforward and reliable home energy retrofit information
- Reduce high upfront costs, making energy retrofits more accessible
- Establish national workforce certifications and training standards

Progress Arkansas, a coalition advocating for economic, environmental and energy policies that will benefit Arkansas, views the announcement as an endorsement of efforts that are already underway in Arkansas in the areas of energy efficiency and job growth.

“The gas and electric utilities in Arkansas have been promoting energy efficiency and retrofitting homes and offices for many years. This report recognizes the importance of such energy efficiency programs,” said Progress Arkansas Executive Director Scott Carter. “Progress Arkansas looks forward to seeing the final implementation plan when it is released later this year. As the “Recovery Through Retrofit” program is put into place, it can create jobs for Arkansans which would contribute to Arkansas’ economic as well as energy future.”

***About Progress Arkansas:** Established in October 2008 under the leadership of Chairman Bob Lamb, Progress Arkansas is a coalition of business and community leaders dedicated to moving Arkansas forward. Our mission is to build consensus and support for economic, energy and environmental policies that will facilitate growth and prosperity for Arkansas.*

Energy Efficiency Tips

The following Progress Arkansas member websites offer energy efficiency tips and resources.

Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation

<https://www.aogc.com/energyefficiency.aspx>

Arkansas Western Gas – A SourceGas Company
http://www.awgonline.com/showpage.php?page_id=tips.htm

CenterPoint Energy
<https://www.centerpointenergy.com/services/naturalgas/business/energyinformation/AR/>

Conway Corporation
<http://www.conwaycorp.com/EnergySmart.aspx>

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas
http://www.aecc.com/energy_efficiency.shtml

Empire District Electric Company
<https://www.empiredistrict.com/EnergySolutions/default.aspx>

Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
http://www.energy-arkansas.com/energy_efficiency/

Jonesboro City Water and Light
<http://www.jonesborocwl.org/view/85>

Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company
<http://www.oge.com/environment/EnergyEfficiency/Pages/EnergyEfficiency.aspx>

Southwestern Electric Power Company
<http://www.aepefficiency.com/arkansas.htm>

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