



Media Release

Turning On to Turning Off

Horizon Utilities Reports More Customers Reducing Consumption During Earth Hour

(HAMILTON, ON) MARCH 28, 2010 – Horizon Utilities reports that electricity demand decreased 19.1 megawatts or 3.5% in Hamilton Saturday night between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. compared to the previous hour as Hamiltonians joined with millions around the world to celebrate Earth Hour. That's more than triple last year's 1.1% reduction.

"This result shows the commitment Hamiltonians have toward the environment. By turning off all non-essential lighting in the City's corporate facilities and having many within our community do the same in their homes, we have managed to achieve better results than last year," says Mayor Fred Eisenberger. "Earth Hour is about more than switching lights off for one hour - it's about the small steps we can all take each and every day to reduce our ecological footprint and make a big difference."

Many Earth Hour participants enjoyed a computer-, television- and video game-free night. Some families even hosted Earth Hour parties, playing board games by candlelight.

"Earth Hour is a great catalyst for generating grassroots involvement in reducing electrical consumption," says Max Cananzi, President & CEO, Horizon Utilities Corporation. "We're pleased to collaborate with the City and its residents to demonstrate the substantial energy savings we can realize by making simple and easy changes. It's one more way we're helping create a culture of conservation and contributing to the sustainability of the communities we serve."

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The goal of Earth Hour is to get as many individuals and businesses as possible to turn off their lights for one hour to raise awareness about climate change. One way to slow the current rate of global warming is to get individuals to make small adjustments to the amount of power they consume each and every day. Last night's reductions by Horizon's customers are equivalent to removing 41 cars from the road for one month.

"Imagine the energy we could save everyday if the simple act of powering down just a few non-essential lights and appliances became part of our usual routine! That's what Earth Hour is all about," adds Mr. Cananzi.

For more information on Earth Hour and energy saving tips, please, visit:
www.horizonutilities.com

About Horizon Utilities

Horizon Utilities Corporation, named Company of the Year by the Ontario Energy Association, is one of the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario providing electricity and related utility services to more than 230,000 residential and commercial customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines. Horizon's employees are committed to delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, providing unparalleled customer value and helping to create a culture of energy conservation in Ontario.

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