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Stratton Mountain named ‘Business Leader for Energy Efficiency’

Resort takes action to maximize savings

March 25, 2009, LEXINGTON, Mass. – Stratton Mountain Resort in southern Vermont is one of ten organizations being honored this May as a “Northeast Business Leader for Energy Efficiency” by Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP).

The Business Leaders Recognition program will be presented as part of NEEP’s *2009 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit*, a two-day conference, workshop, and exhibition event being held on May 27-28 in Albany, New York. Stratton Mountain was nominated by Efficiency Vermont and was selected for recognition based on its commitment to achieving energy savings through cost-effective energy efficiency investments; addressing comprehensive changes in major energy systems; improving energy performance through operational practices and management level support; and demonstrating leadership to advance energy efficiency.

Stratton Mountain Resort is a four-season Vermont destination known for its first-class skiing and snowboarding. Stratton offers over 600 acres of terrain including lodging, a slopeside village, sports complex, and spa. The Resort is dedicated to maintaining its environmental integrity and long-term sustainability through energy reduction, pollution prevention, and resource protection.

Since 2000, Stratton Mountain has partnered with Efficiency Vermont to actively pursue energy efficiency improvements across a wide range of applications including:

- Comprehensive lighting upgrades in 36 buildings to include high-performance T8s and high-efficiency T5 fluorescents.
- High efficiency heating and cooling systems in seven buildings, and a significant reduction in the electrical energy required to heat gears and lubricants in the chairlift drive system.

- Extensive upgrades to snowmaking systems that include low-energy snow guns, a high-performance air compressor, and pumping system upgrades that include variable frequency drives and controls.

With the help of Efficiency Vermont, Stratton continually pursues an annual 10 percent energy reduction across every utility category. As a result, the Resort is experiencing not only lower monthly utility bills, but also stabilized rising energy costs for both electricity and fossil fuels. Through the implementation of energy efficiency measures, Stratton has achieved annual cost savings of \$452,734.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to recognize Stratton Mountain Resort and Efficiency Vermont for their commitments to energy efficiency,” said Sue Coakley, executive director of NEEP. “Stratton Mountain Resort is a noteworthy example of the best practices in energy efficiency that can help companies improve the bottom line, contribute to economic growth and reduce environmental impact.”

"Stratton has been a great customer to work with," said Blair Hamilton, Director of Efficiency Vermont. "They understand the benefits of energy efficiency and make it a priority at their resort. We congratulate them on their commitment and success."

Other 2009 Northeast Business Leaders for Energy Efficiency include: Aviator Sports (Brooklyn, N.Y.); Barton Mines (Glens Falls, N.Y.); Greenwich Hospital (Greenwich, Conn.); Hy-Ten Plastics (Milford, N.H.); Newly Weds Foods (Watertown, Mass.); Norris Food Services (Bohemia, N.Y.); Stratford Board of Education (Stratford, Conn.); TransForm Pharmaceuticals (Lexington, Mass.); and Wegmans (multiple New York locations).

All honorees were nominated by their utility company or energy efficiency program administrator. They will be celebrated at a luncheon ceremony during the 2009 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit. The event is open to the public. Members of the media are invited to attend at no charge. For more information about the Summit and the Business Leaders Recognition program, please visit www.neep.org/Summit

About NEEP

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) is a regional nonprofit organization founded in 1996 whose mission is to promote the efficient use of energy efficiency in homes, buildings and industry in the Northeast U.S. through regionally coordinated programs and policies that increase the use of energy efficient products, services and practices, and that help achieve a cleaner environment and a more reliable and affordable energy system. For more information, visit www.neep.org. – 30 –