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Stamford Twin Rinks Unveils Solar Electric System

Power from the sun keeps lights on and ice from melting

Stamford, Conn., May 26, 2010 — Stamford Twin Rinks and the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) today hosted a dedication ceremony to celebrate the unveiling of a 305.76-kilowatt solar electric system on the rooftop of Stamford Twin Rinks in Stamford, Conn. The solar array, which consists of 1,456 Schuco solar panels, will supply approximately 15 percent of the annual electricity needs of the facility's two ice skating rinks, as well as its fitness center, kitchens and offices.

Since the Stamford Twin Rinks facility was built approximately 14 years ago, it has been a shining example of energy conscious construction. While the building was under construction, the development team participated in the Energy Conscious Construction program of CL&P; this ensured that many energy efficiency features were incorporated into the facility. Now, with the installation of a highly efficient, state-of-the-art solar electric system, the green-minded owners have taken a further step to reduce the building's carbon footprint and dependence on fossil fuels. With this new system in place, the owners are also able to enjoy energy cost savings, which, for an energy-intensive facility, can be quite substantial.

"Stamford Twin Rinks is pleased to partner with the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and the American Solar Alternative Power team to install this clean source of renewable energy. This project demonstrates our continued commitment to the environment and our goal to be a good neighbor in Fairfield County," said Mark Zito, general manager of Stamford Twin Rinks.

The installation was made possible, in part, by a grant of \$1.5 million from CCEF's On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program.

"Stamford Twin Rinks is an exemplary community partner," said Lise Dondy, CCEF president. "Not only is the facility helping the city of Stamford avoid brownouts with its solar electric system, which reduces demand on the local utility grid, but it is also teaching the benefits of clean, renewable energy. A monitor in the lobby offers visitors a glimpse of system production data, showing that when demand for electricity is greatest (mid-day), the solar panels' output is also greatest. Visitors can see that the system is a win-win for the rinks and the city."

The management of Stamford Twin Rinks worked with CCEF, system designer American Solar Alternative Power and solar integrator American Carrera Tech to bring this project to fruition. Many of the key individuals involved in the project were on hand at the dedication ceremony to offer remarks. Additionally, Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia, State Representative Gerald Fox III, State Senator L. Scott Frantz, State Senator Andrew McDonald, State Representative William Tong and State Representative Terrie Wood offered their congratulations.

About Stamford Twin Rinks

Stamford Twin Rinks is the most exciting, full-service, premier skating facility in the Tri-State area. Committed to maintaining a fun, family-oriented atmosphere where its customers can enjoy recreational skating, hockey and figure skating year round, Stamford Twin Rinks provides service above and beyond customers' expectations. For more information on Stamford Twin Rinks, please visit www.stamfordtwinrinks.com.

About the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)

CCEF was created by the Connecticut General Assembly and is funded by the electric ratepayers. CCEF's mission is to promote, develop and invest in clean energy sources for the benefit of Connecticut's ratepayers in order to strengthen Connecticut's economy, protect community health, improve the environment, and promote a secure energy supply for the state. CCEF is administered by Connecticut Innovations, a quasi-public authority. For more information on CCEF, please visit www.ctcleanenergy.com.

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(From left to right) – Rusty Shriner (Stamford Twin Rinks), State Representative Terri Wood, Mark Zito (Stamford Twin Rinks), State Representative Gerald Fox, CT. Clean Energy Fund Chair Norma Glover, Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia, Mort Lowenthal (Stamford Twin Rinks), State Senator Andrew MacDonald, State Representative William Tong, State Senator L. Scott Frantz