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## North Carolina utilities seek swine waste-to-energy projects

**RALEIGH, N.C. (Feb. 18, 2010)** – North Carolina’s electric suppliers have issued a joint request for proposals (RFP) for electricity generated from swine waste facilities in the state. The request is part of the utilities’ efforts to increase the amount of electricity they purchase from renewable energy resources in compliance with state energy law.

Progress Energy Carolinas will administer the RFP on behalf of the buyers, which include Dominion North Carolina Power, Duke Energy Carolinas, GreenCo Solutions, N.C. Electric Membership Corporation, N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency and N.C. Municipal Power Agency Number 1, as well as Progress Energy Carolinas.

Through the RFP, the buyers are seeking proposals for energy and/or renewable energy certificates that can be used for compliance with the requirements of North Carolina’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. This law has a requirement that 0.07 percent of statewide retail electric sales in 2012 and 0.14 percent of retail electric sales in 2015 must come from swine waste-to-energy facilities.

Proposals received from qualified bidders will be evaluated based on cost and other attributes of the offer. Each buyer will determine whether to enter into a contract with a respondent based on the proposal.

Notice of intent to respond is due April 1, 2010. Proposals in hard copy or electronic format must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT April 15, 2010. Proposals should be sent to:

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Short-list determination, if applicable, is scheduled for July 1, 2010. Contract negotiation and award announcement are scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1, 2010.

The buyers reserve the right to modify the schedule as necessary. The buyers also reserve the right to cancel, modify or withdraw the RFP, to reject any and all responses, and to terminate the negotiations at any time during the RFP process.

More information on the RFP is available at [www.progress-energy.com/renewablerfp](http://www.progress-energy.com/renewablerfp).

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