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ENERGY STAR 'SPECIAL RECOGNITION – EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY' AWARD PRESENTED TO WEST PENN POWER SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

GREENSBURG, PA – March 17, 2010 – Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) honor organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency. PA Home Energy, a program of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund, competed nationally and was presented a 'Special Recognition – Excellence in Energy Efficiency' award at the 2010 PA Home Energy Conference held at Penn State on March 15-16. With this award, the U.S. EPA recognizes West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund for its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection as an ENERGY STAR Partner.

PA Home Energy focuses on assisting Pennsylvania consumers to reduce their home energy use while improving their overall home performance. PA Home Energy has built a sustainable infrastructure of Service Providers throughout Pennsylvania that perform diagnostic energy audits or help consumers build a new home to ENERGY STAR standards. This workforce that is trained to both BPI and RESNET standards that allow Service Providers to move between existing and new homes sectors as demand for work shifts and follows the protocols of EPA's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and ENERGY STAR Qualified New Homes programs. There is a clear connection between PA Home Energy and ENERGY STAR and a consumer outreach campaign was executed to increase awareness of the brand across the state.

These awards recognize organizations that have demonstrated excellence in implementing energy efficiency programs that incorporate ENERGY STAR as a key strategy and effectively reduce market barriers to the improvement of energy performance in buildings. The goal of this award is to recognize comprehensive, high performing energy efficiency programs that have directly leveraged ENERGY STAR to achieve significant impact in the marketplace for advancing energy efficiency.

Chandler Von Shrader, of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR presented the 'Special Recognition – Excellence in Energy Efficiency' award to the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund and PA Home Energy for its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection as an ENERGY STAR Partner. This is the second year in a row that the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund and PA Home Energy has been awarded at the conference by EPA and ENERGY STAR for its outstanding commitments.

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund makes PA Home Energy and many other clean energy initiatives possible. This fund invests in the deployment of clean energy technologies throughout the West Penn Power service region in Pennsylvania, invests in the use of renewable and clean energy, energy efficiency and conservation and attracts sustainable energy businesses to the Commonwealth. Learn more about how this fund is helping to green Pennsylvania at www.wppsef.org.