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CITY OF WINTER PARK RECEIVES FMEA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

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WINTER PARK, Fla., a nationally recognized Silver Circle Award and National Merit Award winner (November 9, 2007) – The Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) recently honored the community service efforts of Winter Park Electric Utility by recognizing them with the 2007 Community Service Award. The FMEA represents the unified interests of 34 public power communities across the state which provide electricity to more than two million residential and business consumers.

Honored during a ceremony at FMEA's annual Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show in Jacksonville, Fla., Winter Park received the prestigious award for its commitment to enhancing customers' quality of life through recent initiatives such as the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP), Emergency Utility Assistance Program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Online Energy Audit and residential Surge Protection and HomeWIRE™ services.

Winter Park's EHEAP, LIHEAP and Emergency Utility Assistance programs give electric utility customers the assistance they need to keep their electric service running during difficult financial times. The Online Energy Audit helps electric utility customers conserve electricity by learning how to manage their home energy use with the simple click of a mouse. In addition, the Surge Protection Program assists customers in protecting their appliances and electronics from lightning induced surges while the HomeWIRE™ service protects them from costly electrical repairs.

According to Randy Knight, Winter Park City Manager, "Being able to make these decisions locally is one of the benefits of owning the electric utility. It was a significant element in our consideration of taking over the system."

"Being a part of the community is about more than making sure the lights are on," said FMEA Executive Director Barry Moline. "The recipients of the 2007 FMEA Community Service Awards excel in not only taking an interest in seeing their communities succeed, but also actively work toward making them better places to live."

In addition to these recent community-service initiatives, Winter Park Electric Utility has also started to underground city-owned power lines which will contribute to the overall mission of improving electric reliability. Although the entire project may take up to 30 years to complete, residents now have the opportunity to accelerate this process through the city's newly introduced **Putting Lines Under Ground In Neighborhoods (PLUG IN)** program.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park's Electric Utility Service and the newly introduced PLUG IN program, please visit the city's official web site at www.cityofwinterpark.org or call 407-599-3233.

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