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*≈A green energy building systems manufacturer brings 372 jobs to the region≈*

DANVILLE – **United States Green Energy, Corporation (USGE)** announced plans today to move its manufacturing operations to the Cane Creek Centre in Ringgold, Virginia. USGE will occupy a shell building located at 500 Cane Creek Parkway with a planned up fit of the building to commence immediately. US Green Energy manufactures building systems that contain integrated photovoltaic cells that generate electricity from sunlight. These building systems serve the purpose of roofing and siding materials in the same manner as traditional building products, while offering the advantage of attractive and aesthetically pleasing electricity generation systems.

The company committed to employ 372 people within three years of the start of operations in the region, and they will make capital investments totaling thirty million dollars. Employment should begin in earnest early in 2011, with wages ranging from \$31,500 per year for entry level positions up to \$150,000 per year for executive level positions.

Founded in 2009 by partners Robert Bennett, George Peterson, Karim Salehmohammed, John Karroll, Troy Sacra, and William Freeman, USGE has an unflinching focus on producing architecturally and

construction friendly exterior building products integrated with solar photovoltaic and thermal components at affordable prices.

“The ownership group of USGE is incredibly excited about our relocation to the Danville area and the prospect of operating from a permanent facility designed to meet our specific needs”, said George Peterson, President of USGE. “We have been thoroughly impressed with the level of support we have received and the extraordinary vision of the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County Economic Development Departments along with The Virginia Tobacco Commission. Given the technical infrastructure already in place and available through Danville Community College and Dan River Business Development Center, we will be well positioned to grow our business.”

Sherman Saunders, Chairman of the Danville Pittsylvania County Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA), said, “We are very excited about being able to announce the relocation of United States Green Energy, Inc. to Cane Creek Centre. This announcement is ongoing evidence that the county and the city have created a valuable tool with the establishment of RIFA. To bring a significant number of jobs and capital investment to the region will benefit citizens of both jurisdictions, and by working as a team, the region is a more formidable competitor in the joint mission of increasing employment opportunities. USGE’s decision to locate in the Cane Creek Centre is proof that RIFA is working.”

Hank Davis, Chairman of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, acknowledged the significance of renewable energy in the region. “U. S. Green Energy is another business that will contribute to Southern Virginia becoming the center of renewable energy activity. The county and city have a long history of working together to create a region dedicated to the jobs of the future. We want our people to be able to get a good job with good benefits, and US Green Energy will give us that opportunity. I have been a proponent of green energy for many years, and this announcement reinforces my belief that it is the wave of the future.”

Delegate Danny Marshall, also a member of the Tobacco Commission, said, “The Tobacco Commission is all about improving the economy of the regions that it serves. This project is one which the Commission was able to support with a \$1,600,000 grant from its Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund, and it is just the kind of project that we need in our community to improve our local economy.”

The City of Danville and Pittsylvania County worked with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to recruit USGE to Cane Creek Centre. In addition to the \$1.6 million grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission, USGE will receive assistance from the Virginia Department of Business Assistance through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program, and will qualify for certain state and local Enterprise Zone grants.

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