



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 6, 2006

MEDIA CONTACT:

Jim Van Someren

303-254-3132

jvansomeren@tristategt.org

TRI-STATE SUPPORTS NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association has joined with more than 50 leading organizations from across the United States to create a sustainable, aggressive national commitment to energy efficiency through its endorsement of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency (NAPEE), when the power supplier's board of directors formally adopted the plan.

The Action Plan provides a comprehensive framework to help meet the nation's growing demand for energy in homes, buildings and industries. The initiative is a result of collaboration among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy along with the support and contributions of utilities, regulators and large energy users from across the country.

Tri-State has long supported promoting and enhancing energy efficiency methods and practices through a variety of means, including its successful rebate program and its ongoing investment in the efforts of the Electric Power Research Institute and the Cooperative Research Network.

"We are committed to the principles outlined in the National Action Plan and we will work to contribute to its successful implementation," said J.M. Shafer, Tri-State's executive vice president and general manager.

In support of the NAPEE, Tri-State is:

- Evaluating the role of energy efficiency measures in helping to manage load growth.
- Targeting best practices and policies identified in the Action Plan, such as the designation of conservation and energy efficiency as valuable resource options.
- Supporting efforts throughout its four-state service territory to advance the knowledge and awareness of energy efficiency while developing demand-side and load management plans in concert with its 44 member electric cooperatives.

More information on the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/actionplan/eeactionplan.htm>.

Tri-State is a wholesale power supplier to 44 electric cooperatives and public power districts throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Nebraska that in turn serve approximately 1.2 million consumers throughout a 250,000 square-mile service territory.

