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“35 YEAR OLD WEST HARTFORD SKILLED NURSING FACILITY HELPS SET GREEN STANDARD FOR THE INDUSTRY”

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West Hartford, CT, July 22, 2009—West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center, a well-respected skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, with strong ties to the local community, has taken proactive steps in energy conservation with the implementation of several cost saving "green" initiatives. WHH&RC recently completed several energy savings projects, which included switching to energy efficient T-8 lighting and ballasts, installing high efficiency natural gas boilers, and the installation of a CHP (Combined Heat and Power) plant.

CHP, also known as cogeneration, is the simultaneous production of useable heat and electricity from one fuel source, in this case natural gas. Mr. Russell Schwartz, Director of Operations for the facility stated, "With the current impact of the economic recession on our operations, along with our family's sensitivity to the facility's impact on the environment, we have taken these aggressive steps. We have a fiscal responsibility to our residents and staff to ensure the financial viability of the facility. After researching different energy mitigating options, we concluded that CHP (cogeneration) represented the best option for us to reduce our operating costs, while enabling us to use the savings toward investing in our operations along with employee retention. In addition, our facility has taken the lead in becoming more environmentally friendly." Schwartz continued, "When we started to explore the potential for CHP at WHH&RC, we consulted with our Connecticut Natural Gas commercial account representative who indicated that Aegis Energy had the most installations in Connecticut, and maintained a successful track record. Aegis provided us with an in-depth complimentary energy analysis and a comprehensive plan for the system's integration with our existing building infrastructure."

"The project took 4 months to complete and we have already begun to see significant savings on our monthly electric bill. The system is expected to save our facility almost \$60,000 per year, with a simple equipment payback of just over 3 years," said Schwartz. The cogeneration project included a rebate from the DPUC of \$33,750, and includes free transmission of the natural gas to the CHP system for fifteen years. The State's available grant programs through the Department

of Public Utility control, and Connecticut Natural Gas have helped to subsidize capital project costs by an estimated \$100,0000. "I have had such great success with my project that I would recommend Aegis Energy Services to anyone exploring the use of CHP in Connecticut. Their projected results are accurate. Subsequently, we have also implemented CHP at our sister facility, Avon Health Center in Avon CT," stated Schwartz.

The facility's cogeneration plant consists of one 75kW Aegen ThermoPower system located in the building's boiler and mechanical room. The cogeneration unit will provide up to 50% of the facility's electricity. Thermal energy from the cogeneration plant will provide domestic hot water and heat for West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center. The CHP plant is either equivalent to eliminating the carbon that would be absorbed by 75 acres of forest or the removal of the emissions of 60 cars per year.

About West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center

West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center is a privately owned and family operated 160 bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility located at 130 Loomis Drive, in West Hartford, CT. For more than 35 years, the facility has been dedicated to providing its residents the utmost in quality patient care. For more information about West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center, please contact Mr. Russell Schwartz, Director of Operations, or Theresa Sanderson, Administrator at 860-521-8700.

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