



BRIEFS

Middletown makes clean energy purchase from wind energy company

MIDDLETOWN — The city will purchase renewable energy to meet three percent of its energy use.

The clean energy choice will be supplied by wind energy marketer and developer Community Energy, Inc. The state's recent launch of the CTCleanEnergyOptions program allows for all Connecticut Light & Power and United Illuminating customers to choose renewable energy. Middletown is one of the first cities in Connecticut to make the renewable energy choice.

Ron Klattenberg, Middletown Councilman said, "Middletown prides itself as a clean energy community and it's committed to balancing the need for economic growth and protection of environmental quality. Supporting renewable energy generation is an important part of maintaining this balance for our city."

The city's energy purchase is equal to offsetting approxi-

mately 445,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, the impact of which is equivalent to planting more than 30,000 trees or not driving 300,000 miles, compared to the average New England generation mix in the electric grid.

Under an incentive program known as "Clean Energy Communities" sponsored by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and Smart Power, a non-profit dedicated to promoting clean energy, residents can earn solar panels for the city.

One new solar panel will be afforded for each 100 residential customers that sign up for clean energy. Presently, 180 Middletown residents have enrolled.

To participate in CTCleanEnergyOptions and make a renewable energy purchase from Community Energy, Inc., customers can visit www.NewWindEnergy.com, or call 1-866-946-3123.