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Gulfstream Distributes \$50,000 in Environmental Grants

TAMPA, Fla. – Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., today announced the winners of the 2005 Gulfstream Environmental & Recreational Trust program, distributing \$50,000 to assist in the development of unique environmental and/or recreational projects near the pipeline route and surrounding communities. Grant winners include:

- *Lakes Educational / Action Drive.* (Polk County, Fla.) – To fund an educational program to inform citizens of the importance of protecting state and local water bodies. Grant award: \$7,600.
- *Bayou La Batre-Coden Historic Foundation.* (Mobile County, Ala.) – To provide a nature park and recreational area that will be utilized as an educational tool for students and the public. Grant award: \$7,500.
- *Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council* (Hillsborough County, Fla.) – To increase printing production of the quarterly environmental publication *Bay Soundings* by 10,000 copies. Grant award: \$7,500.
- *Tampa Bay Watch.* (Pinellas County, Fla.) – To restore sensitive coastal ecosystems in Cabbage Key, by removing non-native invasive plant species and replanting with native vegetation. Grant award: \$7,500.
- *Scuba Scouts* (Pinellas County, Fla.) – The Boy and Girl Scouts of Palm Harbor are conducting underwater surveying of coral reef habitat in Tampa Bay as part of a long-term monitoring program. Grant award: \$7,500.
- *YMCA of West Central Florida.* (Polk County, Fla.) – The continuation of the development of an upland environment at the YMCA Par 3 Golf Course. Grant award: \$5,000.
- *Polk County Board of County Commissioners* (Polk County, Fla.) – To create a rehabilitation flight cage facility for bald eagles and other birds of prey at the Circle B Bar Reserve, a Polk county environmental land site. Grant award: \$4,800.
- *St. Petersburg Audubon & Eckerd College* (Pinellas County, Fla.) – Raise awareness of beach nesting birds and increase nesting success in Pinellas County. Grant award: \$2,600.

The Gulfstream Environmental & Recreational Trust program was created in 2000 to distribute at least \$350,000 during the first five years of pipeline operations to benefit communities near the pipeline route. Thus far, more than \$300,000 has been distributed.

Grant applications were submitted from Jan. 1 to Sept. 15, 2005. An Advisory Resource Network consisting of environmental experts met in November to determine which projects would receive funding and how the dollars would be distributed. Grants were awarded based on community need, environmental benefit and ability to complete the project as proposed.

The application deadline for the 2006 Gulfstream Environmental & Recreational Trust program is Sept. 15, 2006. Applications are available on the Gulfstream web site at www.gulfstreamgas.com.

Placed into service in May 2002, Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. is a 691-mile pipeline system with the capacity to deliver 1.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day to serve Florida's growing energy needs. The pipeline is a joint development between Williams (NYSE:WMB) and Duke Energy (NYSE:DUK).

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