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BURKE NONPROFIT AGENCIES TO CUT UTILITY BILLS WITH JOINT ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKDAY

MORGANTON, N.C.—The State Energy Office (SEO) of the N.C. Department of Administration, Piedmont Natural Gas and Southface-NC announce a joint energy efficiency volunteer training and workday June 2 in Burke County to help three local nonprofit agencies cut their utility bills.

The event is part of the Energy Efficiency Measures for Nonprofit Agencies Program, which assists nonprofit agencies in Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln, Mitchell and Yancey counties by training agency volunteers in energy-saving measures that can help the agencies save on utility bills.

Media representatives are invited to attend the workday at the First Baptist Church of Morganton, 502 West Union St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Agency volunteers will implement such energy-saving measures as weatherstripping, caulking and installing insulation at the facility.

Typical savings from these measures can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars per year on electricity, water and natural gas bills, depending on the size and condition of the buildings occupied by the agencies.

Other nonprofit agencies participating in the workday include Repay, a provider of community-based treatment programs for the criminal justice system, and Sexual Abuse Intervention Services (SAIS).

The Energy Efficiency Measures for Nonprofit Agencies Program is co-sponsored by Piedmont Natural Gas and the SEO. Southface-NC, a Boone-based organization staffed by energy efficiency and high performance building specialists, was selected by Piedmont and the SEO to implement the program. Program services include free volunteer training, energy audits, material installation and technical assistance to participating agencies. Representatives from each of these organizations will be available to media.

To qualify for the program, agencies must be nonprofits providing services to the select counties and must operate from buildings they own or for which they are responsible for the utility costs. The agencies must also be current Piedmont Natural Gas customers.

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