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Guelph Showed its Support for Earth Hour

Earth Hour results better than last year's

(GUELPH, ON) March 28, 2011 – On Saturday, March 26, starting at about 8:15 p.m. and lasting to 9:30 p.m., Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. registered a drop in electricity load of **4 MW** or approximately **2.2%** compared to the load curve of the previous Saturday night.

“This reduction was better than last year’s results and is equivalent to removing approximately **1,300 homes** from the grid,” says Sandy Manners, Director of Corporate Communications for Guelph Hydro Inc. “Guelph residents and businesses clearly demonstrated their commitment to Earth Hour and the importance of energy conservation, not only by turning off their lights, but also by participating in the first ever Guelph Lights Out Relay.”

Coordinated by the Guelph Environmental Leadership, the Guelph Lights Out Relay attracted approximately 100 people who walked, ran or bicycled along a 60-kilometre route on Saturday afternoon leaving solar lights on lawns and reminding everyone to turn off their lights at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Farbridge, MP Frank Valeriote and MPP Liz Sandals spoke at the relay launch.

“Many communities in Ontario registered results that were less than in previous years,” says Manners. “In Guelph, there was certainly more enthusiasm shown by the community this year and the improved results speak for themselves.”

About Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. delivers a safe and reliable supply of electricity to approximately 50,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Guelph and Rockwood. The company is owned by Guelph Hydro Inc. which is actively developing sustainable energy projects as a key implementer of the City of Guelph’s Community Energy Initiative. For more information, visit: www.guelphhydro.com.