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Green Mountain Energy Company Opens Valley Office; Announces Job Fair – February 9

Clean electricity provider to hire dozens of local residents to grow business in South Texas

MCALLEN, Texas – Green Mountain Energy Company announced today that it has further expanded its presence in the Rio Grande Valley by opening an office here to help grow its business in South Texas. The office is located in McAllen and will serve the entire Rio Grande Valley area. Additionally, Green Mountain is hosting a job fair on **Tuesday, Feb. 9**, to hire dozens of local residents throughout the Valley to help support its sales efforts in South Texas.

“Since Green Mountain has been selling and marketing in the Rio Grande Valley, it has been clear that Valley residents really care about the environment,” said Vanessa Montelongo, South Texas Market Manager, Green Mountain Energy Company. “As a way to reach more Valley residents and offer them 100% pollution-free electricity, we are increasing our presence by opening a new office and hiring people to fill more than 20 new jobs.”

New Office

Green Mountain’s new office is located at 1400 North McColl, Suite 202 in McAllen at Commerce Center West , 495 Commerce Center on the corner of McColl and 495 (Pecan Blvd.).

Job Fair, Tuesday, Feb. 9

The job fair is open to residents throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

When: The job fair will take place from 1-7 p.m. at Green Mountain’s new office (address above).

Who: Green Mountain has the following positions open:

- **Recruiter** (full time position)
- **Several full-time and part-time retail and event sales agents** throughout the RGV. These agents will work at local festivals and events in the Valley such as Border Fest, **March 4-7, 2010**. (Sales experience preferred, but not required)
- **Events Planner** (full-time position)
- **Events Set-up** (part-time position)
- **Quality Assurance Monitors**(part-time positions)

Bring: Candidates attending should bring a resume and three references. Bilingual Spanish/English preferred.

Contact: For questions, including directions, or if you can’t make it, please e-mail bestjobs@greenmountain.com or call (832) 524-3681. For more information about Green Mountain, visit www.greenmountain.com.

“The McAllen Chamber of Commerce is always excited when a new company chooses to invest in our community,” Steve Ahlenius, president & CEO, McAllen Chamber of Commerce. “We are equally excited when that company creates new jobs and what that means for families in the RGV. We look forward to Green Mountain Energy being a great corporate partner in this region.”

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Green Mountain’s Valley Presence

Green Mountain sells cleaner, renewable energy products to residents and businesses throughout competitive markets in Texas that have a choice in their retail electric provider. The company was the first Texas retail electric provider to offer cleaner energy when electricity competition began in 2001 and has been fully operational in the Valley since then – offering residents in areas such as McAllen, Harlingen, Pharr, Donna, Weslaco, Edinburg, and San Benito electricity that is cleaner than typical system power.

In 2007, Green Mountain began actively selling in the Valley through a “soft” direct sales launch. The company’s direct sales efforts include door-to-door canvassing, tabling at local retailers, such as HEB Grocery Stores, and participating at local fairs, festivals and entertainment events, like Border Fest, throughout the Valley. In spring of 2008, Green Mountain launched a multi-media, bilingual advertising campaign to reach out to Valley residents. The company has regularly run local ad campaigns since that time. Additionally, to better reach the region’s Spanish speaking residents, Green Mountain created a dedicated toll-free number, 1-888-9-VIENTO that is staffed by bilingual sales representatives, and developed Spanish web pages on www.greenmountain.com.

Green Mountain donated a 10.08 kilowatt (kW) solar array system to Texas State Technical College – Harlingen in August 2009. The solar array was the first donated and built in the Valley as a result of the company’s Big Texas Sun Club® and is expected to save the college more than \$300,000 in electricity costs over its 30-year lifetime. The array is also being used as a teaching tool for several classes.

“We want to send a message to Valley residents that we are committed to South Texas – now and for years to come,” said Montelongo.

About Green Mountain Energy Company

Green Mountain, the nation’s leading provider of cleaner energy and carbon offset solutions, was founded in 1997 “to change the way power is made.” The company is the longest serving green power marketer in the U.S. and in 2009 was ranked the “Highest in Business Customer Satisfaction with Retail Electric Service” by J.D. Power and Associates¹. Green Mountain offers consumers and businesses the choice of clean electricity products from renewable sources such as wind and water, as well as a variety of carbon offset products. Green Mountain customers have collectively helped avoid over 9.8 million pounds of CO₂ emissions. For more information, visit GreenMountain.com.

¹Green Mountain Energy Company received the highest numerical score among business electric service retailers in Texas in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Texas Business Retail Electric Provider Satisfaction StudySM. Study based on responses from 2,231 businesses measuring 7 retailers and measures opinions of businesses with their electric service provider. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed May-June and September-October 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.