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## Solano County landfill gas-to-energy project providing clean power to homes

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SUISUN CITY, Calif., May 2, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Potrero Hills Energy Producers, a partnership between DTE Biomass Energy Inc. and Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, recently started generating electricity from landfill gas.

This cleaner source of electricity comes from a newly constructed renewable energy facility at the Potrero Hills Landfill in Suisun City, Calif.



DTE Biomass Energy, the developer and operator of the project, declared commercial operation of the 8-megawatt facility at the landfill, which is operated by Waste Connections Inc. of The Woodlands, Texas. Gas generated at the landfill will be used to produce renewable energy for Pacific Gas & Electric under a long-term purchase agreement.

The power plant uses advanced engine-generating technology to deliver enough renewable electricity to power 10,000 California homes.

"We're looking forward to working with our partner, Waste Connections, and becoming a valued member of the Solano County business community," said Mark Cousino, DTE Biomass Energy president. "We're proud to bring the latest in landfill gas technology to this project."

The landfill gas-to-energy facility is equipped with advanced environmental controls that treat incoming landfill gas to reduce sulfur content prior to combustion, thereby reducing emissions of sulfur dioxide. Post-combustion catalytic reduction, not unlike a vehicle's catalytic converter system, further lowers carbon monoxide and formaldehyde emissions.

"This project will help California meet its renewable energy goals and we're proud to be a part of that," said Ralph Walker, executive vice president, Pacolet Milliken Enterprises. "Converting waste to power is good for the environment and the community."

### About DTE Biomass Energy Inc.

Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., DTE Biomass Energy is one of the leading landfill gas-to-

energy companies in the United States. Since 1988, DTE Biomass has built, developed, owned and operated landfill gas recovery systems and landfill gas to energy projects providing environmentally sustainable products to the market. The company owns and operates a diversified portfolio of landfill gas projects across eight states, collectively representing nearly 100 MWe of base load renewable energy capacity. DTE Biomass Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy (NYSE: DTE), a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. More information about DTE Biomass Energy is available at [www.dtepowerandindustrial.com](http://www.dtepowerandindustrial.com).

### **About Pacolet Milliken Enterprises Inc.**

Pacolet Milliken Enterprises Inc. is a private, family owned investment company with a history that dates back, through Milliken & Company, to the 1860s. The Greenville, S.C.-based company was founded as a separate corporate entity in 2007 with a forward-looking mandate to preserve and grow its assets with a bias for quality and a multi-generational outlook. The company aligns capital, market expertise and investment experience to own and operate investments within niche segments of the energy and utility infrastructure sector.

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