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**Summit Community Power Works Partners with Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, Rocky Mountain Power and Tesoro foundation to install LED light bulbs in Summit County.**

*Park City* – On Saturday, July 30, Park City and Summit County are furthering their efforts to win the \$5million Georgetown Energy Prize through installing LED bulbs in the properties managed by Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, with funding from the Tesoro Foundation. Rocky Mountain Power representatives Bill Comeau and Chad Ambrose assisted in sourcing the bulbs for the bulk purchase.

Summit Community Power Works is the local nonprofit, pursuing the Georgetown Energy Prize on behalf of Summit County and Park City. “We are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place, with 5 months to go. Our programs seek to be inclusive and accessible to all the residents of Summit County. We are thrilled with the partnership between our organization, Tesoro Foundation, Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, Park City Municipal and Summit County. This is a win – win for our residents, our organization, and is a big step in furthering the sustainability and energy reduction goals of our community” says Mary Christa Smith, project manager for Summit Community Power Works.

Tesoro Foundation awarded a \$12,000 grant to Summit Community Power Works to purchase LED bulbs for low income families in Summit County. “Tesoro is committed to collaborating with its stakeholders to create cleaner, safer communities where we operate and we are excited to partner with Summit County Power Works to help families save money on their monthly power bills while making the communities of Summit County more energy efficient.” Brad Shafer, Senior Manager Govt. & Public Affairs

Mountainlands Community Housing Trust is coordinating the installation of the bulbs in 158 residences on Saturday July 30. "By providing LED upgrades for 146 affordable apartments and 12 homes, low income residents will not only save money each month but will make a substantial contribution to our community's efforts to reduce its energy consumption." Scott Loomis, Executive Director of Mountainlands Community Housing Trust.

Rocky Mountain Power assisted in sourcing Energy Star rated bulbs for bulk purchase in support of Summit Community Power Works quest for the Georgetown Energy Prize.

Approximate ANNUAL SAVINGS for all 1,714 bulbs purchased, installed and operating is as follows:

~ 126,00 kw-hrs of electricity (not used) per year

~ \$13,000.00 saved (in electricity cost) per year

~ 105,000 pounds of coal NOT burned at regional power plants

~ 290,000 pounds of CO2 NOT produced at these same plants

~ 25,000 gallons of water NOT consumed for cooling purposes at these plants

The above assumes that all 1,714 LEDs replaced the same number of incandescent bulbs.

These savings represent the “triple bottom line” that benefits people, planet and profit.

Local Park City council members Becca Gerber and Tim Henney, along with students and other community members will be on hand to switch out the bulbs on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will start at 9:00 at Parkside Apartments 1776 Kearns Blvd.. We will provide coffee and bagels as the group gathers.

The press is welcome to attend.

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