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Santee Cooper releases environmental report

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. – Santee Cooper released today an environmental report highlighting accomplishments in 2010-2011, including important milestones in two first-in-South Carolina programs, Santee Cooper Green Power and the energy-efficiency-promoting Reduce The Use.

Santee Cooper observed the 10th birthday of its renewable Green Power generating program in October, and its two-year-old Reduce The Use has introduced rebates and initiatives that are saving its customers 60 million kilowatt-hours a year, well on the way to a program goal of 209 million kilowatt-hours in annual savings by 2020.

Elsewhere, the report details the increasing difficulties posed by unwieldy regulations and the disastrous impacts that proposed new regulations could have on South Carolina's economy.

Santee Cooper has been a leader in promoting a multitude of programs that benefit our environment, from its GOFER used oil collection program to the installation of environmental control technology on its generating units. The utility has recently expanded its support for ridesharing for employees and made efficiency upgrades to its Regional Water System treatment plant too.

The report is available at www.santeecooper.com/2010-2011EnvironmentalReport.

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