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ST. LAWRENCE GAS PLEASSED WITH GOVERNOR PATERSON'S ANNOUNCED \$2.5 MILLION SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION PROJECT

MASSENA, NY: St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. is very pleased that its proposed system expansion into Franklin County, New York moved a step closer to reality yesterday as Governor David A. Paterson announced \$2.5 million from the Upstate Regional Blueprint Fund for the project.

"The funding commitment is an acknowledgement by Governor Paterson, Empire State Development and Franklin County that the expansion of natural gas distribution is vitally important for Northern New York State," said Richard Campbell, President & General Manager of St. Lawrence Gas. "Bringing natural gas to this new market area will provide an economic and environmentally preferred fuel choice to residential, commercial and industrial consumers."

"Yesterday's \$2.5 million dollar grant announcement will allow St. Lawrence Gas to move forward with the

environmental review and other studies that will form a part of the required regulatory filings with the New York State Public Service Commission," Campbell said. "The company hopes to submit its application to the Public Service Commission in the first quarter of 2010."

"The success of this proposal is due in large part to the efforts put forth by all levels of New York state government. Strong support has been given by the Governor's Office, Empire State Development, Senator Betty Little and Assemblywoman Janet L. Duprey, along with the Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature Tim Smith and the entire Franklin County Legislature, Franklin County Manager Jim Feeley and the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency," Campbell said. "St. Lawrence Gas is very appreciative of the hard work by all involved to support this unique private-public relationship."

St. Lawrence Gas is proposing to expand its distribution system to provide natural gas to twelve towns and villages in portions of St. Lawrence and Franklin counties.

Additional information is attached: Backgrounder - St. Lawrence Gas System Expansion.

St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. is a subsidiary of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Canada's largest natural gas

distribution company. St. Lawrence Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution are both indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Enbridge owns utilities that distribute natural gas to about 1.9 million customers in Ontario, New York State, New Brunswick and southwestern Quebec.