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### **SWEEP ANNOUNCES ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS**

*(Phoenix, AZ)* – The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) is pleased to announce that Dan Dent of Questar Gas Company and Larry Holmes of Nevada Energy are the winners of its 2009 Leadership in Energy Efficiency Awards. The awards are given annually to individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing energy efficiency in the Southwest.

Dan Dent is the Director of Demand-Side Management at Questar Gas Company in Salt Lake City, UT. Mr. Dent oversees all energy efficiency and demand-side management programs implemented by Questar Gas Company. SWEEP is honoring Mr. Dent because Questar Gas Company operated the most effective and well-funded energy efficiency programs of any gas utility in the region as of 2008-2009. Under Mr. Dent's leadership, Questar has become a model gas utility with respect to promotion of more efficient natural gas use. Questar estimates it will spend \$48 million on energy efficiency programs in 2009 and thereby help its customers save over 8 million therms of gas per year.

Larry Holmes is the Director of Demand-Side Management at Nevada Energy in Las Vegas, NV. Mr. Holmes oversees all energy efficiency and demand-side management programs implemented by Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company. SWEEP is honoring Mr. Holmes because the Nevada utilities operated the most effective and well-funded energy efficiency programs of any electric utility in the region as of 2008. Under Mr. Holmes's leadership, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Power helped its customers save over 400 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year, about 1.3 percent of the retail sales of the two utilities, through efficiency programs implemented in 2008. Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Power spent about \$58 million on energy efficiency programs in 2008.

This year's awards were presented at the Sixth Annual Southwest Regional Energy Efficiency Workshop organized by SWEEP and held in Phoenix. The awards were presented to Mr. Dent and Mr. Holmes by Howard Geller, SWEEP's Executive Director. "The comprehensive energy efficiency programs implemented under Dan Dent's and Larry Holmes's leadership are saving consumers and businesses hundreds of millions of dollars. SWEEP is proud to recognize the outstanding work of each of these individuals," Geller said.

**About SWEEP:** The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. To learn more, visit [www.swenergy.org](http://www.swenergy.org).