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The E Group, a Division of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., Expands Services with NWP Services Corporation

EXPANDED OFFERING BRINGS NEW UTILITY COST MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO MULTIFAMILY MARKET

February 25, 2008, Akron, OH – The E Group and NWP Services Corporation (NWP) have expanded their strategic relationship to include E Group management of water and sewer utility accounts as part of NWP’s utility cost management offering, UtilityPay Manager, designed for its multifamily housing customers.

The E Group has been providing natural gas and electricity account management services to NWP customers since 2003.

Under the new agreement, The E Group also will provide a range of utility management and auditing services that can be purchased separately, rather than as part of a larger package. This will encourage NWP customers to choose energy management and related services tailored to their specific needs.

Other services offered by The E Group to NWP’s customers include utility bill and annual rate and tariff auditing for water, sewer, natural gas and electric accounts and expedited bill insert sorting and delivery. The E Group also provides energy budgeting, forecasting, rebates, conservation and procurement services.

Through their relationship with The E Group, NWP can assist customers to identify new opportunities for reducing utility costs and managing risk, which enables customers to optimize their utility budgets and to obtain competitive rates for electricity and natural gas in deregulated markets.

“We are proud of our relationship with The E Group and pleased with the success our customers are experiencing with our UtilityPay Manager program,” said Michael Radice, president and CEO

of NWP Services Corporation. “The technologies and services offered through the program create an effective total utility management solution. As a result, NWP customers can improve their financial performance while minimizing the total cost of ownership of their multifamily housing portfolio.”

“UtilityPay Manager is a unique program with many applications for the multifamily housing industry,” said Eileen Mikkelsen, Director of The E Group. “Expanded services in auditing and billing will enhance value for NWP’s customers.”

About The E Group:

The E Group, a division of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., provides comprehensive energy management services to single- and multi-site commercial, industrial and government enterprises. The E Group manages more than 140,000 accounts representing a total energy portfolio of more than \$1.2 billion, delivering cost-effective solutions for managing clients' energy and utility spending. For additional information, visit www.e-grp.com, or call The E Group at 888-809-8436.

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