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**AMERENUE, LACLEDE GAS AWARD NEARLY \$60K  
TO HYATT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY EFFORTS**

*Hotel's carbon footprint savings equivalent to removing 139 vehicles from roads for 1 year*

**St. Louis, April 19, 2010** – The Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch has received nearly \$60,000 through Laclede Gas rebate and AmerenUE incentive programs. The awards were made following the hotel's \$63 million renovation, which included the installation of a state-of-the-art heating and cooling system that manages energy usage throughout the building.

"Being smart about energy usage just makes good business sense, especially when dealing with a building as large as ours," said Brian Morris, director of sales for the Hyatt. "We noticed immediate energy cost savings after installing our new system and have seen even more benefit because of the AmerenUE and Laclede Gas programs."

The Hyatt's Telkonet heating and cooling system communicates with the hotel's front desk computers to automatically bring guest rooms to a comfortable 70 degrees from a seasonally-adjusted setback temperature upon check in. Guests set their room's temperature to suit their preferences and motion sensors maintain those levels as long as there is movement within the space. If guests leave the room, the system resets to 70 degrees until they return.

Front desk computers communicate with the system again upon check out, taking the room to the setback temperature for maximum energy savings.

AmerenUE and Laclede Gas determined that Hyatt will be reducing its carbon footprint by nearly 1.6 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions annually. According to the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, this is equal to taking 139 passenger vehicles off the road annually or could power 62 homes with gas and electricity for one year.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Representatives from Ameren UE and Laclede Gas present checks to staff of the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch. Left to right: Ted Reinhart and Bill Weindel from Laclede Gas,

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Troy Hartmann, president of Pacific Energy, which installed the new system; Brian Morris, marketing director of the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch; Steve Bunten, Scott Steiner, and Jeff Kelley from AmerenUE.

### **About Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch**

In the heart of downtown St. Louis, steps from the Gateway Arch, stands the city's premier hotel, Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch. Having completed a \$63 million top-to-bottom renovation in July 2009, Hyatt's blend of unparalleled location and world-class service has established it as the city's leading business hotel. The property is within walking distance of Busch Stadium; Edward Jones Dome at the America's Center; Lumiere Place Casino; and Laclede's Landing. The 910-room hotel boasts picturesque views of the Gateway Arch, contemporary new guestrooms with Hyatt's signature Grand Bed and 37" flat screen TVs, 83,000 square feet of event space; Red Kitchen & Bar, an Italian restaurant; Brewhouse Historical Sports Bar; Ruth's Chris Steak House; Starbucks and a Hyatt StayFit gym featuring Life Fitness® equipment. For more information or reservations, visit <http://www.hyattregencystlouis.com/> or call toll-free at 1-800-233-1234 or directly at 314-655-1234. For regular updates on the hotel's happenings, follow the Hyatt on its blog: <http://www.hyattstl.com/>, Twitter: <http://twitter.com/hyattstl>, or Facebook: <http://facebook.com/hyattregencystlouisatthearch>.

### **About Laclede Gas**

Laclede Gas Company, the [Original Green Energy provider](#), has provided safe and reliable service to the residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area for more than 150 years. It is the largest gas distribution company in Missouri, serving customers in St. Louis and surrounding counties in Eastern Missouri. Laclede Gas offers several conservation and energy efficiency programs to encourage its customers to use natural gas wisely. Visit [www.OriginalGreenEnergy.com](http://www.OriginalGreenEnergy.com) to review the portfolio of rebates and savings programs offered to residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

### **About AmerenUE**

Details about UE's energy efficiency programs for business customers are available at [www.UEfficiency.com](http://www.UEfficiency.com) or by calling toll-free at 866-941-7299.

AmerenUE, founded in 1902, provides electric and gas service to approximately 1.2 million customers across central and eastern Missouri, including the greater St. Louis area. UE serves 57 Missouri counties and 500 towns. The company's electric rates are among the lowest in the nation. For more information, visit [www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com).

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