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MOBILE GAS ENROLLS FORMER MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT PROPERTY IN VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 11, 2010 – Mobile Gas today announced it would enroll property owned by the company in the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Voluntary Cleanup Program, as a first step in the environmental remediation of a former manufactured gas plant location in Mobile. A 9.2 acre property at the northeast corner of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Broad Street, the location was home to a manufactured gas facility owned and operated from 1836 to around 1931 by Mobile Gas Works, the predecessor of Mobile Gas Service.

Under the guidelines of the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management will provide oversight of the environmental risk assessment, remediation planning, and cleanup of the location. “Stakeholders involved in this process including elected officials, state agencies, and community leaders share the common goal of transforming this property into attractive green space that compliments the area,” said LaBarron McClendon, vice president of marketing, community affairs and human resources for Mobile Gas. “This is a first and necessary step toward achieving that goal.”

Mobile Gas Works commenced manufactured gas operations in 1836 for the purpose of providing gas to light the city streets of downtown Mobile. Manufactured gas involved heating coal in enclosed ovens and extracting gases for use in lighting and cooking, a very different process than the natural gas fuel we know today. Mobile Gas Works ended operations in 1933, as less expensive cleaner natural gas began to be transported through pipelines to Mobile.

“Through most of the 19th and early 20th centuries, manufactured gas was a significant industrial achievement, with plants across the U.S. ushering in some of the conveniences we know today such as home heating, cooking and lighting,” said Jason Weekley, director of operations for Mobile Gas. “The process however, produced by-products that require cleanup to make the former plant properties suitable for use. We will be working through the structured Alabama Department of Environmental Management program to ensure we proceed with a thorough risk assessment and plan for remediation and reuse of the former Mobile Gas Works property.”

Mobile Gas is a natural gas utility serving approximately 91,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Mobile and the surrounding areas of southwest Alabama. The utility is a unit of Sempra Energy’s Sempra Pipelines & Storage subsidiary. Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE) is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company.

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