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ECotality's eTec Awarded \$100 Million for Transportation Electrification

ECotality's eTec partners with Nissan for the largest deployment of electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure ever undertaken

PHOENIX / SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – August 5, 2009 – Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (eTec), a subsidiary of ECotality, Inc. (OTCBB: ETLY), a leader in clean electric transportation and storage technologies, has been selected by U.S. Department of Energy for a grant of approximately \$99.8 million to undertake the largest deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure in U.S. history.



eTec, as the lead applicant for the proposal, partnered with Nissan North America to deploy EVs and the charging infrastructure to support them. The Project takes advantage of the early availability of the Nissan LEAF, a zero-emission electric vehicle, to develop, implement and study techniques for optimizing the effectiveness of charging infrastructure that will support widespread EV deployment. The Project will install electric vehicle charging infrastructure and deploy up to 1,000 Nissan battery electric vehicles in strategic markets in five states: Arizona, California, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington.

By studying lessons learned from electric vehicle operations and the infrastructure supporting these first 5,000 vehicles, the Project enables the streamlined deployment of the next 5,000,000 electric vehicles, said Don Karner, President of eTec. Nissan's market leadership in electric vehicles affords us the unique opportunity to develop and study the charge infrastructure necessary to support the widespread deployment of EVs. eTec's extensive experience in battery electric drive systems and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, combined with the support of Nissan and over 40 government and industry partners, will enable this Project to successfully pave the way for electric transportation nationwide.

The Project will collect and analyze data to characterize vehicle use in diverse topographic and climatic conditions, evaluate the effectiveness of charge infrastructure, and conduct trials of various revenue systems for commercial and public charge infrastructure. With the goal of developing mature charging environments, the Project proposes to deploy charging infrastructure in major population areas that include Phoenix (AZ), Tucson (AZ), San Diego (CA), Portland (OR), Eugene (OR), Salem (OR), Corvallis (OR), Seattle (WA), Nashville (TN), Knoxville (TN) and Chattanooga (TN). To support the Nissan EV, the Project will install approximately 12,500 Level 2 (220V) charging systems and 250 Level 3 (fast-charge) systems.

ECotality is committed to enhancing America's energy independence, accelerating the market acceptance of electric transportation and supporting President Obama's goals for job creation and advanced electric drive vehicle deployment, stated Jonathan Read, President and CEO, ECotality. This Project underscores America's leadership role in clean electric transportation and exemplifies the Department of Energy's strategic foresight and commitment to improving our environment and economy. By developing a rich charge infrastructure in each market, this Project

will enable a successful consumer experience amongst early EV adopters and increase market demand for electric transportation.

It is anticipated that more than 750 new employment positions will be generated by the proposed Project by 2012. In supporting the market launch of the Nissan EV, it is expected that over 5,500 new positions will be in place by 2017 as a direct result of the proposed Project.

On August 2, Nissan introduced the LEAF, an electric vehicle and the world's first affordable, zero-emission car. Designed specifically for a lithium-ion battery-powered chassis, Nissan LEAF is a medium-size hatchback that comfortably seats five adults and has a range of 100 miles to satisfy real-world consumer requirements. The Nissan LEAF will launch in the United States in late 2010. U.S. production will begin in 2012, at Nissan's manufacturing facility in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Nissan appreciates the support of the Department of Energy in helping jumpstart the electrification of the transportation sector, said Scott Becker vice president, legal and general counsel, Nissan North America. This is a major step in promoting zero-emission mobility in the United States. Nissan is looking forward to partnering with eTec to help make electric cars a reality and to help establish the charging networks in key markets.

The U.S. Department of Energy will provide funding of up to \$99.8 million that will be matched by Project participants. Federal matching funds will be used to design, deploy, and operate a mature charging infrastructure in support of future wide-scale deployment of EVs, and to evaluate the means to improve the effectiveness of this charging infrastructure.

More detailed information about this announcement, including FAQs, is available at www.ecotality.com. Broadcasters: interviews and b-roll are available for download at www.ecotality.com.

About eTec

Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (eTec), a subsidiary of ECOtality, is a recognized leader in the research, development and testing of advanced transportation and energy systems. With over two decades of electric transportation experience, eTec has been involved in every electric vehicle initiative in North America since the 1990s. Utilizing its patented industry-leading charging algorithm, eTec operates the Minit-Charger line of battery fast-charge systems for on-road electric vehicle, transit, material handling and airport ground support applications. For more information, please visit www.etecevs.com or www.minit-charger.com.

About ECOtality, Inc.

ECOtality, Inc. (OTCBB: ETLY), headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, is a leader in clean electric transportation and storage technologies. Through innovation, acquisitions, and strategic partnerships, ECOtality accelerates the market applicability of advanced electric technologies to replace carbon-based fuels. For more information about ECOtality, Inc., please visit www.ecotality.com.

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