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Power Workers' Union raises residential awareness of energy conservation through EnergyWiz™ Home Energy Audit CD

(Toronto) – Ontario's union representing workers in the electricity system has made available simple software that allows people living in houses to calculate the energy inefficiency of their dwelling and offers options for improvement.

"When we learned about the Home Energy Audit CD, we thought it would be a practical tool for people to think globally and act locally," comments Don MacKinnon, President, Power Workers' Union (PWU). "As people make their way through the questions about their own homes, they will be amazed at how the use of a particular appliance or an update to their home's doors and windows will affect their family's energy consumption."

The PWU has made EnergyWiz™— do-it-yourself Home Energy Audit software designed to encourage residential energy and water conservation – available to the public through registration with www.abetterenergyplan.ca.

By inputting what a household spends on electricity, heating and water resources, and then outlining the specifications of the home and its residents' use of electricity, the CD offers more than 80 energy-saving options from behavioural changes to equipment upgrades to help decide the most cost effective ways to reduce energy and water use.

The EnergyWiz™ Home Energy Audit takes about a half hour, and is entertaining and enlightening for adults and energy-conscious young people – particularly those prone to leaving lights on and taking long showers.

The PWU is distributing the EnergyWiz™ Home Energy Audit as part of its A Better Energy Plan public awareness campaign. (See www.abetterenergyplan.ca).

The PWU believes that Ontarians require an energy supply that derives electricity from a number of sources, including clean coal, hydroelectric and nuclear, along with other economical renewable options. The PWU's better plan also includes a review of the province's natural gas strategy, investment in green power and the promotion of energy efficiency. This approach will guarantee the people of Ontario and the businesses that operate here, an affordable, clean and secure supply of energy, all year round.

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* This software is not Macintosh compatible.



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The EnergyWiz™ Home Energy Audit was developed by Ottawa-based Winergy Canada Inc. www.winery.ca.

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