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ATCO POWER STATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ACHIEVES FULL GENERATING CAPACITY WITH REDUCED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Boosts electricity supply and solidifies local network in resource rich region

CALGARY, Alberta – ATCO Power’s new 86 megawatt Karratha generating station went into full commercial operation ahead of schedule today, only 16 months after the environmentally progressive project was first announced.

Located 1,600 kilometres north of Perth, in Western Australia, the natural gas-fired facility uses 35 percent less gas to produce each kilowatt hour of electricity compared to existing generation, resulting in 35 percent lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Constructed, owned and operated by ATCO Power, Karratha will supply electricity to residential and business consumers on the Pilbara North West Interconnected System (NWIS) under a 20-year contract with state-owned, Horizon Power.

“High levels of activity in the resource development sector have contributed to the need for additional power in Western Australia,” said Rick Brouwer, President, ATCO Power. “Adding generating capacity while at the same time being environmentally responsible demonstrates ATCO’s commitment to the region.”

ATCO Power’s Managing Director, Australia Operations, Geoff Walshe added: “We look forward to serving this region and continuing the positive working and business relationship with Horizon Power that allowed us to achieve today’s milestone ahead of schedule.”

Currently comprising two 43 MW high-efficiency gas turbines, the power station can be expanded with the addition of a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) that would generate additional electricity from waste heat.

“Horizon Power’s vision is to provide a highly reliable and efficient energy system to serve the growing needs of regional Western Australia and to significantly reduce the carbon emissions intensity of energy for the region,” said Rod Hayes, Managing Director, Horizon Power. “This power station contributes very well to that vision.”

The Karratha Power Station was completed without a single lost time safety incident. It is ATCO Power’s 20th facility worldwide and the company’s third generating project in Australia. ATCO Power also operates a 180 MW Cogeneration Station at Osborne in Adelaide and a 33 MW Cogeneration Station at Bulwer Island in Brisbane.

Horizon Power is the state owned energy company created by the Government of Western Australia in 2006 to meet the needs of residential and commercial electricity customers and resource developments in regional Western Australia. Horizon Power is the energy provider for 31 regional towns and a growing number of rural communities. It is responsible for generating or procuring, distributing and selling electricity to approximately 37,000 customers and major industry in the West Pilbara region.

ATCO Power is a world-class developer, construction manager, owner and operator of technologically advanced and environmentally progressive independent power generation plants. ATCO Power operates power plants in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia with a combined capacity of approximately 4970 MW.

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