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Lockhart Power to Plant 100 Trees to Celebrate 100 Years of Community Service

Spartanburg, S.C. (June 19, 2012) – [Lockhart Power Company](#) and its parent company, [Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc.](#), are proud to announce the power company’s commitment to plant 100 trees in its service area to celebrate 100 years of service.

Lockhart Power Company was incorporated by the State of South Carolina in February 1912 to provide electrical services to the surrounding mill villages. Today, the investor owned utility serves a variety of customers in portions of five counties using its 99 percent renewable energy generation portfolio.

Stewart Winslow, project manager and horticulturist at Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, the partner and parent company of Lockhart Power, worked with the mayors of Lockhart, Jonesville, Union and Pacolet, as well as members of the Union County School Administration, to select the sites for the trees. The planting proposal includes 10 Noble Trees allocated for each of the following locations: Sims Middle School; Jonesville Elementary/Middle School; Pacolet Cloth Room and Marysville School; the Mack Cunningham Industrial Park; and a streetscape project in the Town on Lockhart. The Noble Trees to be planted are Overcup Oaks (*Quercus lyrata*), a native, large shade tree that is a member of the white oak family.

The other 50 trees, crape myrtles, are proposed for the “Welcome to the City of Union” gateway on the western entrance to Union on Highway 176. Crape myrtles are another hardy plant selection that will add color during the summer and interest year-round.

“The idea of planting one hundred trees to celebrate Lockhart Power’s centennial is a natural one, knowing Roger Milliken’s love for trees,” said Bryan Stone, Chief Operating Officer of Lockhart Power Company. “Sustainability is at the core of both Pacolet Milliken and Lockhart Power. For example, 99 percent of our generation is from renewable resources, and we are actively expanding our generation portfolio. This is our way of showing appreciation to the people in this area and making a positive impact that will hopefully be felt another hundred years from now.”

“We are honored to be a selected site for the planting of Noble Trees in celebration of Lockhart Power Company’s hundredth year,” said Mayor Elaine Harris of Pacolet. “The Commons area between the Cloth Room, Town Hall and Marysville School represents a special place reflective of our cultural heritage. Pacolet is a South Carolina Pilgrimage of Place Community, and to maintain this status we are obligated to display some creative representation of the guiding principles that would be visible in the community. This tree planting will be a respectful way to connect the celebration of our heritage and a commitment to our future.”

About Lockhart Power Company

[Lockhart Power Company](#) is an investor-owned public utility servicing the Upstate of South Carolina, with 99 percent of its power generated from renewable sources. Lockhart Power provides reliable and cost-effective electric service to its retail and wholesale customers, while also providing renewable energy to the City of Columbia and Duke Energy Carolinas.

About Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc.

[Pacolet Milliken Enterprises, Inc.](#) is a private, family-owned investment company founded in 2007 by Roger Milliken of Milliken & Company with the forward-looking mandate to preserve and grow its assets with a bias for quality and a multi-generational outlook. Pacolet Milliken’s four business units consist of energy and infrastructure; income property in world capital cities; income property in the Southeast United States; and undeveloped land and forestry. For more information, please visit www.pacoletmilliken.com.

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