Enel Green Power donates to Tarkio

(KLZA)-- Enel Green Power North America, the company operating the Rock Creek wind farm in Atchison County, Missouri recently presented $120-thousand in financial support toward community needs in Tarkio.

Donations were made to the Tarkio School District, Tarkio Police Department, Tarkio EMS services and the Tarkio Volunteer Fire Department and to the rodeo grounds.

Corey Martin, site Supervisor for Rock Creek said the donations were for appreciation to the value Tarkio adds to the company.

$30-thousand was presented to the Tarkio School District to fund a science-tech curriculum, teacher training, and related materials, along with the development of a vocational / technical program to support early technical career paths and associated skills. It will be the first such program in the country. EGP hopes this will help develop a skilled workforce for the benefit of local residents and the company.

EGP also presented the school district with $30-thousand to upgrade lighting and sound systems for the school theater, to improve both energy efficiency and performance.

The Tarkio Volunteer Fire Department received $40-thousand to be used toward emergency response equipment. The department recently purchased a rescue vehicle capable of deployment on rough terrain and in treacherous weather conditions. Fire Chief Shane Bredensteiner said the funds made the difference between having a new truck or not being able to have one.

EGP also presented the City of Tarkio $10-thousand designated for new automated external defibrillaors and associated equipment for use in each Tarkio Police vehicle, at the Tarkio Community Center and at City Hall.

Another $10-thousand was presented to the Tarkio Rodeo Association to support renovation of the main arena seating and the installation of low-energy LED lighting.

EGP operates the 300 mega watt Rock Creek wind farm in Atchison County as is preparing to construct a new 236.5- mega watt wind farm in Nodaway County, Missouri.

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