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DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT TEAMS WITH TERASEN IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAM

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DELTA, BC – The Delta School District is proud to announce collaboration with Terasen for the evaluation, development and implementation of alternative thermal energy solutions such as geo-exchange systems as part of its Energy Management Program.

Through this collaboration, the District will work with Terasen to explore cost effective ways to reduce the District's use of traditional low efficiency heating sources, cutting its carbon footprint and working towards becoming carbon neutral by 2010.

"We are very excited to be working with Terasen in exploring more effective and sustainable solutions for our energy needs," says Steve Cardwell, District Superintendent. "This is a positive step for our schools, our community and the environment and supports the Provincial Climate Change Action Plan."

The initiative with Terasen marks the next step in the school district's efforts to reduce overall energy consumption and become carbon neutral by 2010.

"Harnessing renewable energy sources is a laudable goal, and we are pleased the school district has teamed up with Terasen to help them achieve that objective," says Gareth Jones, Terasen Energy Services Vice President and General Manager. "Delta is leading the way as a district that wishes to reduce their environmental impact, save on carbon taxes and contribute to a clean, healthy environment for all British Columbians."

Earlier initiatives such as the recently completed thermal energy retrofit has reduced the District's carbon footprint by as much as 200 tonnes and will save the District as much as \$30,000 annually in utility costs, carbon tax and future carbon offsets. Other initiatives, including the collaboration with Terasen, could see these figures grow to as much as a 900 tonne carbon footprint reduction and \$150,000 saved annually within three years.

About the Delta School District

The Delta School District is committed to high levels of academic achievement and personal growth for every student. With an emphasis on quality education, the District's 25 elementary schools and seven secondary schools provide inspired learning opportunities for more than 16,000 students within open, safe and culturally diverse environments. Recognized for innovative approaches in learning and overall student success, the Delta School District also provides choice in learning. Through multiple Sport Academy programs and in partnership with leading organizations such as the Vancouver Giants and the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, rigorous school programs are integrated with specialized sport development, further enabling students to excel academically, athletically and personally. For more information, please visit www.deltasd.bc.ca.

Terasen Energy Services

Terasen Energy Services builds, owns and operates geoexchange systems, community piping and energy transfer systems to harness renewable energy sources. Terasen Energy Services is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc., and uses the Terasen Energy Services name and logo under license from Terasen Inc. Fortis Inc., the largest investor-owned distribution utility in Canada, serves more than two million gas and electric customers and has total assets exceeding \$11 billion. Its regulated holdings include Terasen Gas and electric utilities in five Canadian provinces and three Caribbean countries. Fortis Inc. owns non-regulated hydroelectric generation assets across Canada and in Belize and upper New York State. It also owns hotels and commercial real estate in Canada. Fortis Inc. shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and trade under the symbol FTS. Additional information can be accessed at www.fortisinc.com or www.sedar.com

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