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### **CLEANING UP THE ATMOSPHERE WITH COW MANURE Family Farm Celebrates Environmental Stewardship & New Manure Digester With *NativeEnergy's* Support**

*Mount Joy, PA*—High quality carbon offsets provider *NativeEnergy* is proud to announce the Brubaker Farms family dairy farm methane project, a new anaerobic digester/generator system built in reliance on carbon offset funding provided by *NativeEnergy* and grants from the State of Pennsylvania and U.S. Department of Agriculture. During the official dedication ceremony at Brubaker Farms on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Pennsylvania Senator Mike Brubaker\*, along with representatives from the PA Department of Agriculture and Environmental Defense, will acknowledge the importance of investing in new family farm energy projects. The day's events will include tours of farm facilities, which illustrate the collaboration of resources essential to the renewable energy project's success.

"Investing in the construction of high quality, family farm renewable energy projects is a powerful step in the fight against global warming that more and more people can support through our carbon offsets," says Tom Boucher, President and CEO of *NativeEnergy*. "Since methane has 21 times' the global warming impact of carbon dioxide, new family farm projects represent real, effective solutions to the climate crisis."

Like many farming families, the Brubaker's are stewards of the environment, fully aware of the impact their actions have on the land. By gathering and cultivating the support of various resources, this family of dairy farmers has taken their environmental stewardship to the next level – to their community – while also stimulating their local economy.

Already recognized by several agricultural and environmental organizations for their work, the Brubaker family in 2005 applied for grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help fund their digester project. After receiving some grant funding in 2007, the Brubaker project still faced a considerable financial shortfall. Having learned of the revenue opportunities from Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and carbon offsets through ongoing discussions with *NativeEnergy* since 2004, the Brubakers proceeded with project development, and ultimately accepted *NativeEnergy's* longstanding offer to provide the additional revenues the project needed to be economically viable. *NativeEnergy's* reputation for high quality carbon offsets, the company's experience working with family farm, tribal, and community projects, and the company's unique forward stream financing model were important factors in the Brubaker's decision..

Today, with it's new anaerobic digester the 1,500 acre family farm is producing enough energy to power and heat most of its operations; reducing the family's reliance on grid-supplied electricity and propane, and the environmental impact of fossil fuel sources.

"We are very proud of our role, directly supporting new renewable energy projects with family farms, tribes, communities, and school systems," explains Tom Boucher. "Through *NativeEnergy*, our clients have a direct relationship with the projects and people helping to solve the climate crisis."

#### **About Brubaker Farms Dedication Ceremony**



*When:* April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

*Where:* Brubaker Farms—Mount Joy, Pennsylvania

*Attendees:* Pennsylvania Senator Brubaker, along with representatives from the Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, and *NativeEnergy*

*Details:* A tour of the farm's facilities begins at 10:00am. Speakers' remarks made from 11:30a.m.—noon, follow by lunch. Invitation only, but media is invited and encourage to attend.

### **About NativeEnergy**

**NativeEnergy** leverages market demand for carbon offsets to bring on line new Native American, family farmer and community-owned renewable energy projects, *NativeEnergy* offers third party verified and certified renewable energy credits and offsets from a variety of operating projects across America and internationally. Through its novel approach of bringing upfront payment to renewable projects for the estimated future carbon offsets, *NativeEnergy* enables its clients to help directly finance the construction of specific new wind farms and other renewable energy projects. *NativeEnergy* continues to focus on real, additional offsets that provide both an environmental and a social benefit, for both people and planet. More information is available at [www.nativeenergy.com](http://www.nativeenergy.com).

\* *Pennsylvania Senator Mike Brubaker has no direct relation to Brubaker Farms or to the Brubaker family as reference in this press release.*

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