



## **Fibrowatt Press Release**

March 18, 2009

### **Legislators hear strong support for Fibrowatt's renewable energy plants**

*More than 120 supporters visit General Assembly to emphasize new jobs, economic impact and environmental benefits of proposed Fibrowatt plants*

RALEIGH (MARCH 18, 2009) – Generating renewable energy from poultry litter and other biomass materials will bring hundreds of new jobs to North Carolina and provide a valuable service to poultry farmers. That's the message that a group of more than 120 supporters associated with the N.C. Agricultural Energy Partnership delivered to legislators Tuesday about Fibrowatt, a Pennsylvania-based company that has announced plans to build three North Carolina power plants that use poultry litter from local farmers to generate renewable energy.

"Fibrowatt will create new jobs, increase our local tax base and make a significant economic impact in our communities. In this economy, we are extremely grateful that Fibrowatt has chosen to invest in North Carolina," said Judy Stevens, Executive Director of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation and a leader of the N.C. Agricultural Energy Partnership.

Community leaders, local officials, and poultry farmers buzzed through the halls of the legislature on St. Patrick's Day wearing green stickers proclaiming that "We Support Fibrowatt."

"We think there have been some misunderstandings about environmental issues and Fibrowatt," said Lynn Daly, a grower for Goldsboro Milling. "Fibrowatt is providing an important service to poultry farmers that will help us manage our litter. Helping us manage poultry litter will help the environment."

Poultry farming is a \$3 billion industry in North Carolina. The state ranks as one of the nation's largest poultry producers with approximately 5,000 poultry farms. The large supply of poultry litter, combined with support from local economic developers, convinced Fibrowatt to begin exploring business opportunities in North Carolina several years ago. The company has recently announced plans to build power plants in Montgomery County, Sampson County and Surry County.

"We are excited about these opportunities in North Carolina and appreciate the strong, visible show of support from the N.C. Agricultural Energy Partnership," said Rupert Fraser, CEO of Fibrowatt. "Our three plants will support hundreds of new jobs and generate about 150 megawatts of renewable energy, offsetting the need for other energy sources and helping North Carolina meet its renewable energy goals."

# # #

## **For More Information**

### **N.C. Agricultural Energy Partnership**

#### **Surry County**

Chris Knopf  
Assistant County Manager,  
Economic Development and Tourism  
118 Hamby Road, Suite 342  
Dobson, NC 27017  
(336)401-8390  
[knopf@co.surry.nc.us](mailto:knopf@co.surry.nc.us)

#### **Montgomery County**

Judy Stevens  
Executive Director  
Montgomery Economic Development Corporation  
444 North Main Street  
PO Box 637  
Troy, NC 27371  
(910) 572-2575  
[judy@montgomery-county.com](mailto:judy@montgomery-county.com)

#### **Sampson County**

John Swope  
Executive Director  
Sampson County Economic Development Commission  
406 County Complex Road, Suite 130  
Clinton, NC 28328  
(910) 592-8921  
[jswope@sampsonedc.com](mailto:jswope@sampsonedc.com)

#### **Fibrowatt**

Kasia Wieronski  
(267) 352-6590  
[kwieronski@fibrowattusa.com](mailto:kwieronski@fibrowattusa.com)  
[www.fibrowattusa.com](http://www.fibrowattusa.com)