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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Local Energy Co-op Erects Wind Test Tower

Petersburg, ON, August 1, 2008 -- Local Initiative for Future Energy Co-operative Inc. (LIFE), an energy co-op with nearly 80 members based in Wilmot Township, has completed the installation of a 60 meter wind test tower. The tower, located near St. Agatha, will be used to monitor and record wind conditions with the long-term plan of installing a wind park in the area.

Wind data from the research site will be used to calculate how much energy from local wind power generators can be contributed to the power mix. The Ontario government's goal is that 10% of power will come from renewable sources by 2015. It is estimated that in our area, one wind turbine could supply up to 600 homes.

Linda Laepple, president of LIFE, observed that the co-op "is locally pioneering a sustainable energy concept that is already firmly established in Europe and other parts of the world." The co-op is working toward partnerships with like minded groups and individuals, as well as municipalities, electricity distributors, researchers and other stakeholders.

LIFE Co-op's membership is open to all individuals and corporations sharing their vision to work together to reduce the environmental footprint we leave on the earth in an economically sustainable co-operative framework. LIFE Co-op welcomes new members and has information packages available.

Start up support for the purchase of the test tower and equipment was received from WWCFDC (Wellington-Waterloo Community Futures Development Corp.). Local supporters include Ritz Printing, Stitch Graphix, Nautalex Business Services, Wilmot Centre Missionary Church, Laepple Organic Farm and Teddy's Bakery.

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