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## **WGL Prepares Homes Across Region for Winter Weather**

*Third Annual Day of Weatherization Improves Homes and Provides Solar Power*

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- WGL Holdings, Inc. ("WGL") held its annual Day of Weatherization on Saturday, with more than 200 company volunteers weatherizing roughly 130 homes across Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia to help keep families warm through winter and lower energy expenses. As a new element to this annual community initiative, WGL provided solar systems to four Washington, D.C., homes to further decrease homeowner energy costs and increase environmental sustainability.

"We are proud to expand our annual efforts to help people in the Washington, D.C., area as we face the higher heating and energy costs that come with winter," said Adrian Chapman, president and chief operating officer of Washington Gas Light Company and WGL. "We appreciate our employees' dedication to weatherizing homes and to giving back to the community that Washington Gas has served for more than 166 years."

WGL volunteers were joined by Taresa Lawrence, Ph.D, Deputy Director, Energy Administration of the District Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) and Yvette Alexander, District Councilmember, Ward 7. Throughout the day, volunteers worked to provide energy efficiency upgrades including the installation of plastic on windows, caulking around doors and windows, weather stripping and the installation of faucet aerators, all of which will help to lower energy costs in the coming months.

The installation of solar panels on four homes exemplifies WGL's commitment to providing diversified energy resources. In partnership with GRID Alternatives, a non-profit solar installation organization with a mission to deliver solar power to underserved communities, WGL has expanded the Day of Weatherization to address energy efficiency and sustainability as well as cost reduction.

"GRID Alternatives is excited to work with WGL to incorporate solar system installations into its Day of Weatherization. As a result of the weatherization measures taken and solar systems installed, four low-income households will be able to reduce their bills by 50-75%," said Nicole Steel, Executive Director of GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic. "We applaud the efforts of WGL in delivering energy efficiency to our community and thank the company for its support of our mission."

The Day of Weatherization began as Washington Gas' Project Weatherization in 2007 and expanded in 2013 to become a WGL company-wide event, with volunteers participating from Washington Gas, WGL Energy, Hampshire Gas and WGL Midstream. To date, more than 580 homes have received assistance from WGL during the annual event.

WGL encourages its customers to take simple steps, such as the following, to help manage energy costs better and stay safe, warm and energy-smart when temperatures start to drop:

- Change or clean furnace/air filters once a month and schedule an annual furnace or boiler check-up with a licensed professional.
- Caulk and weather strip around doors and windows.
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates.
- Turn the water heater down to warm or low settings, never more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Use cold water for laundry using specially formulated cold-water detergents.
- Consider installing new, high-efficiency appliances.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® energy-efficient product label.
- Consider purchasing a programmable thermostat, which automatically lowers the temperature setting at night and increases the setting during the day.

## About WGL

WGL (NYSE: WGL), headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a leading source for clean, efficient and diverse energy solutions. With activities and assets across the U.S., WGL consists of Washington Gas, WGL Energy, WGL Midstream and Hampshire Gas. WGL provides options for natural gas, electricity, green power and energy services, including generation, storage, transportation, distribution, supply and efficiency. Our calling as a company is to make energy surprisingly easy for our employees, our community and all our customers. Whether you are a homeowner or renter, small business or multinational corporation, state and local or federal agency, WGL is here to provide Energy Answers. Ask Us. For more information, visit us at [www.wgl.com](http://www.wgl.com).

## About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that makes renewable energy technology and job training accessible to low-income communities. We bring together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all. More than 5,900 families have benefited from our work to-date, saving \$153 million in lifetime electricity costs, and over 21,000 people have received solar training. GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic affiliate began operations in 2014 and aims to install more than 500kW of solar generating capacity benefitting low-income families in 2016.

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