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**Columbia Biogas to Enter into Good Neighbor Agreement**  
**with Cully Association of Neighbors**  
**New facility to convert food waste to energy**

**Portland, Ore.**—Columbia Biogas, a biogas production facility in Northeast Portland that will convert local food waste into energy, is entering into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the Cully Association of Neighbors (CAN). The Cully Association of Neighbors voted to approve the Good Neighbor Agreement at their general membership meeting on June 14, 2011. This agreement was developed in collaboration with representatives from the community surrounding the facility. It outlines a framework for a productive relationship between Columbia Biogas and its neighbors during construction and once the facility is in operation.

The 10-year agreement outlines benefits to the Cully neighborhood such as job opportunities and the establishment of a surcharge on food waste brought to the facility. The funds will be used to establish a grant program to support community rehabilitation, mitigation and enhancement projects in the Cully neighborhood. The agreement also describes environmental and livability standards for the operation of the facility and establishes an ongoing communication procedure for resolving any issues that may arise. In addition, there will be a Neighborhood Advisory Committee that will meet and work with Columbia Biogas on a regular basis.

“We are pleased to sign this agreement with the Cully Association of Neighbors,” said John McKinney, president of Columbia Biogas. “It will ensure all parties maintain open communication and will help build a long and valuable relationship between Columbia Biogas and the Cully neighborhood.”

Columbia Biogas is in final design stages for a renewable energy facility in Northeast Portland. The facility will convert commercial food waste into multiple “green” products including renewable energy, water, and high-quality fertilizer. Through a process of anaerobic digestion, organic matter will be broken down in the absence of oxygen and produce methane-rich biogas. The Columbia Biogas facility expects to set a standard in the United States for anaerobic digestion of commercially-generated food waste. The facility expects to generate biogas with the potential to produce approximately five megawatts of energy, which is equivalent to the electricity requirements of 5,000 homes.

“This document was truly a collaborative effort,” said Kathy Fuerstenau, Chairwoman of the Cully Association of Neighbors. “I appreciate John’s cooperation on developing a Good Neighbor Agreement that could possibly stand as an agreement model for other facilities that are bound to come. When building any successful relationship, whether it is personal or business, you require a strong foundation and good communication. I think that all the community members that worked on developing the agreement can agree that we have come a long way and look forward to continue to build on what we have started. I hope and trust that the Columbia Biogas facility will become an asset to our area and region.”

The facility will be located in Northeast Portland at 6849 NE Columbia Boulevard near I-205 and I-5 in an industrial zoned area, which provides convenient access for the delivery of food waste. Permits for the facility have been approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Metro, the regional government for the three-county Portland metropolitan area.

#### **About Columbia Biogas**

Columbia Biogas is an innovative clean energy company focused on the development of a biogas facility in Portland, Oregon, that will convert local food waste into renewable energy, water and high-quality fertilizer. The Columbia Biogas team has significant experience in project development and project financing of utility scale renewable energy facilities as well as a long history in the design and operations of wastewater treatment facilities incorporating anaerobic digestion. For more information, please visit [www.columbiabiogas.com](http://www.columbiabiogas.com).

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