



Freeport Electric Goes Green with Electric Vehicles

Municipal-owned utility based on Long Island, N.Y., purchases all-electric vans to minimize emissions and costs, reduce reliance on oil

January 15, 2010 – As part of its ongoing commitment to initiatives promoting global sustainability, Freeport Electric has added two zero-emissions, all-electric, Vantage “Greenvans” to its vehicle fleet in the Incorporated Village of Freeport.



Freeport Mayor Andrew Hardwick has set a goal to reduce fuel consumption and emissions across the Village’s fleet, particularly in vehicles used exclusively in a low-speed driving environment. “Using low-speed electric vehicles, which operate primarily to read meters, perform maintenance and inspections, interact with customers for service calls or collections and inter-office transportation within the residential community, will immediately bring a cost savings, as well as reduce carbon emissions,” said Freeport Electric Superintendent Anthony Fiore. “We’ve researched many electric vehicles, and we like the size, performance, range and quality of the new Vantage vehicle.” The electric vans will replace two combustion-engine vehicles that perform neighborhood-related operations.

Motorworks Clean Vehicles Inc. of Amityville, N.Y., a provider of economical, low-speed transportation solutions for the greater New York metropolitan area, won the bid to supply the electric vans. “Motorworks matched the appropriate vehicle to the bid specification from their extensive range of vehicles,” Fiore said. The electric vans cost \$20,855 each and were paid for from Freeport Electric’s energy efficiency account. They will replace a 1990 Celebrity station wagon and a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier.

“Our company is happy to work with the Village of Freeport to help meet its goals of reducing emissions across its fleet,” said Gary Birke, president of Motorworks Clean Vehicles New York.

Operating costs for the Vantage van are estimated to be about one-sixth of an equivalently sized gasoline-powered truck – without the tailpipe emissions or noise. The vehicle has a maximum range of up to 55 miles, at roughly \$1.75 worth of electric power to recharge. A quick comparison to the replaced Cavalier – yearly gasoline cost for the Cavalier was \$616.00 and the new electric van cost is estimated to be \$63.00.

About Freeport Electric:

Freeport Electric is a community-owned utility of the Incorporated Village of Freeport. Being one of the few municipal-run power providers on Long Island, Freeport Electric offers quality services at affordable rates. The Utility has an ongoing commitment to seek new and innovative means of providing its customers with the best quality service possible. At the forefront of community and economic development, Freeport Electric is assisted by a workforce dedicated to providing unparalleled service to the residents and businesses of Freeport. For more information, visit www.FreeportElectric.com.