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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Greens Its Fleet with Purchase of 30 All-Electric, Zero Emissions Cars

- *Acquisition is the Largest Electric Vehicle Purchase by a Government Agency*
- *Cars to be Delivered to Commissioners on Tuesday, November 27th at "PLug-In" Event*

Chicago, IL – November 26, 2007 – The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, one of the world's largest water authorities, today announced that it has purchased 30 all-electric, low-speed cars as part of its strategy to slash fleet emissions and costs. The acquisition represents the largest all-electric vehicle purchase by a government agency in the United States. It is estimated that the vehicles will eliminate hundreds of thousands of pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year of operation. The low speed vehicles will be used on District properties to perform routine tasks.

The four door, four seat, hatchbacks will be officially delivered to Water District Commissioners on Tuesday, November 27th at 12:00 p.m. during a ceremonial "plug-in", reflecting the fact that the cars are powered by industry-leading batteries that can be charged at any standard household or business outlet.

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The District is responsible for maintaining the area's main waterways and 1,300 streams within an 883 square mile zone that includes the city of Chicago and 124 suburban municipalities. On average, its seven facilities treat a flow of 1.2 billion gallons of wastewater per day.

"The District prides itself on protecting the environment and utilizing our resources in the best public interest. That mission extends to reducing our overall carbon footprint. We believe that these vehicles – which cost less and pollute less than hybrids or ethanol-powered vehicles – are the best fit," District President Terrence J. O'Brien said.

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