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10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TOM DARTE ENERGY CENTER

(June 5, 2020-Greenville, Texas) Today marks the ten-year anniversary of the commissioning of the Tom Darte Energy Center. This fast start 25MW plant located in Greenville utilizes natural gas to produce electricity. The plant has remained energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

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Electric generation across the state has seen challenges in the past decade with an ever growing Texas population and the closure of many coal-fired generation plants.

GEUS' Energy Market Department makes decisions daily as to whether to operate local natural gas-fired plants to supplement energy Greenville receives from outside solar, wind and natural gas-fired purchase power agreements.

"Many factors influence the daily cost of electricity. The Texas electric market in recent years has been volatile at times depending upon weather and the availability of generation across the state," said GEUS General Manager Alicia Price. "GEUS having 25MW that can be called upon to produce in 5-7 minutes is very beneficial," Price added.

The plant is named after former GEUS General Manager Tom Darte who retired in 2006 after 18 years with GEUS.

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