

Contact:

Holly Rodriguez
Easy Energy
Phone: 602-302-7640

Amy Washburn
Southwest Gas
Phone: 602-763-3289



Easy Energy Develops CHP System at Clarion Hotel Phoenix

Southwest Gas energy efficiency program saves hotel \$15,000 annually

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 18, 2012

Phoenix, AZ: Phoenix-based Easy Energy is excited to announce the completed installation of a Combined Heat & Power (CHP) system at Clarion Hotel Phoenix. When operating, the CHP system will provide the hotel's electricity for the guestrooms as well as heat the pool, spa and water for the guestrooms.

CHP, also known as cogeneration, is a well-proven technology with a 30 year history, and is often deployed in commercial and industrial applications where there is a constant demand for both heat and electricity.

Easy Energy developed and financed the project and improved the payback period to 2.4 years by utilizing Southwest Gas's rebate program. This program provides incentives for purchasing energy efficient equipment. An estimated \$80,000 was rebated.

The constant rising costs of utility-supplied electricity, coupled with the declining costs of clean-burning natural gas, make CHP a viable solution for commercial businesses. "We had to find a way to decrease our electricity costs without impacting the comfort and services for our hotel guests," says James Evanoff, general manager of Clarion Hotel Phoenix. "We like the CHP solution because it offers savings during peak-demand utility periods, which coincides with the check-in times of our guests during the summer months."

Jose Esparza, Southwest Gas director of Energy Services adds, "Southwest Gas is proud to support CHP efficiency projects like the Clarion Hotel Phoenix. We encourage other Arizona businesses with a central plant operation to investigate the cost savings and environmental benefits of a CHP installation."

(more)

Energy Efficiency 1-1-1

About [Easy Energy](#) Easy Energy is a Registered Arizona Contractor and Project Developer based in Phoenix, Arizona, operating state-wide. The company designs, installs and maintains commercial energy systems. Easy Energy administers the paperwork for customers to receive applicable rebates, tax incentives, building permits and financing. For more information on Easy Energy's commercial energy solutions, please call (602) 302-7640 or visit www.easyenergyweb.com

About [Clarion Hotel Phoenix](#) The Clarion Hotel Phoenix offers full-service amenities in a convenient location, just minutes from Sky Harbor Airport, shopping and outdoor activities.

About [Southwest Gas](#) – Southwest Gas provides natural gas to approximately 1.9 million customers in parts of Arizona, California and Nevada. Please click [here](#) learn more about the company's CHP rebate program.

###