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**SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC CONTRIBUTES ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS
TO NEW GREAT RIVER ENERGY HEADQUARTERS**
*Minnesota governor, legislators and business leaders to learn more about
sustainable building practices at dedication event*

PALATINE, III. — April 22, 2008 — The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division supplied Great River Energy, a wholesale electricity provider to 28 member electric cooperatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin, with energy efficiency solutions for the company's new headquarters in Maple Grove, Minn. The building is projected to be one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in the Midwest and is expected to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum recognition in late 2008. Platinum is the highest level of certification offered by the U.S. Green Building Council and is granted to projects that meet the highest standards for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

"Schneider Electric's involvement in developing an energy efficient building for Great River Energy is a key example of its commitment to helping companies make the most of the energy they use, allowing organizations to realize enhanced business performance and reduce the impact they make on the environment," said Ted Klee, vice president, power management and services, Schneider Electric. "We are honored to be a partner in this project and commend Great River Energy's efforts to build a headquarters that will consume approximately 50 percent less energy than Minnesota code requirements."

As part of LEED Platinum certification, all achievable points toward certification must be documented and verified. To perform this at Great River Energy, the new building's renewable energy sources, including a 200KW wind turbine and photovoltaic cells are all monitored by Square D® PowerLogic® System Manager™ software. The System Manager software is integrated with 38 Square D® PowerLogic® CM4000T circuit monitors, which efficiently monitor and measure power usage on 100 main devices, such as generators and Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSs), within the building.

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Additionally, overall building electric use is monitored and the information on energy savings will be included in the LEED application.

Using data collected from the monitors, PowerLogic® System Manager™ software provides Great River Energy with a verification and reporting system to help meet LEED requirements, as well as ensures power reliability for its data center application. Schneider Electric also provided much of the building electrical distribution equipment, including switchgear, panelboards and circuit breakers. Much of the monitored information will be viewed in interactive kiosks in the building's lobby, which will show real-time and historical information about the facility's energy use.

The Great River Energy headquarters, 12300 Elm Creek Blvd., Maple Grove, will be dedicated on Earth Day, April 22, 2008. Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, state legislators and area business leaders are anticipated to attend the event, where Schneider Electric, along with other companies that contributed to the building project, will have experts available to discuss solutions that can help companies realize reduced energy usage and substantial cost savings. Environmentally responsible products and solutions utilized in the new headquarters will be on display in the building's Agate Conference Room from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information on PowerLogic, visit www.powerlogic.com.

About Schneider Electric

Headquartered in Paris, France, Schneider Electric is a global electrical industry leader with sales of \$23.7 billion (U.S.) in 2007. The North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric, headquartered in Palatine, Ill., is one of four operating divisions of Schneider Electric, and markets the Square D®, Telemecanique® and Merlin Gerin® brand products to customers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the United States, Schneider Electric is best known by its flagship Square D brand, with Telemecanique becoming increasingly known in the industrial control and automation markets and supported by many Square D distributors. For more than 100 years, Square D has been a market-leading brand of electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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About Great River Energy

Great River Energy provides wholesale electricity to more than 1.7 million customers via 28 distribution cooperatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin. With more than \$2 billion in assets, Great River Energy is the second largest utility in the state, based on generating capacity, and the fifth largest generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative in the United States. Great River Energy's member cooperatives range from those in the outer-ring suburbs of the Twin Cities to the Arrowhead region of Minnesota to the farmland of southwestern Minnesota. Great River Energy's largest distribution cooperative serves more than 120,000 member-consumers; the smallest serves just over 2,400.

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