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Energy Systems Network partners with Indy Park Ride & Fly to install GE DuraStation* Electric Vehicle Charger

Site becomes the latest addition to Project Plug-IN initiative's charging infrastructure movement

(INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 1, 2012) Through a partnership with the central Indiana clean technology initiative Energy Systems Network (ESN), Indy Park Ride and Fly has made it easier for drivers of electric vehicles (EVs) to charge while they park at their facility after the installation of a GE DuraStation double pedestal EV Charger.

EV owners who are traveling out of the Indianapolis International Airport may now take advantage of complimentary charging for both valet and self-parking. The GE DuraStation is a fast, easy-to-use, compact electric vehicle charging solution with Level 2 capability for faster charging time compared to standard plug-in charging. It delivers a full-cycle charge to a 24kWh battery in only 4-8 hours, whereas plugging an EV into a standard electrical outlet would require 12-18 hours to provide the same level of charge. The EV charger has the capability to charge two EVs simultaneously.

"We are excited to be taking a progressive step in our sustainability practices by helping provide services for electric vehicle owners," said Amy Jones, General Manager of Indy Park Ride & Fly. "Our mission is to minimize frustration for our customers in all aspects of their parking experience. Providing these charging stations is one more way we can provide a hassle-free experience."

The funding for the charging stations was provided by ESN's Project Plug-IN initiative, which was awarded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funding through the Indiana Office of Energy Development (IOED) to expand charging infrastructure. To date, Project Plug-IN and its partners have deployed over 125 electric vehicles in the Indianapolis Region and nearly 200 charging stations in homes, businesses and parking facilities.

"Indy Park Ride & Fly is a great advocate for Project Plug-IN's efforts to make Indianapolis the most EVfriendly community in the nation," said Paul Mitchell, President & CEO of Energy Systems Network. "By continuing to add publicly available charging infrastructure at a variety of businesses and parking facilities, we can also reduce some of the perceived barriers to EV ownership."

The GE DuraStation is located at 3875 Plainfield Road in Indianapolis, approximately 1.5 miles from the Indianapolis International Airport. No reservations are required – visit <u>www.indyparkrideandfly.com</u> for rates, directions and information.

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About Indy Park Ride & Fly:

Indy Park Ride and Fly has serviced the Indianapolis International Airport since 1997. We have parked more than 2 million vehicles and offer both Full Service Valet and Self Park options. We provided 24-hour on demand continuous shuttle service to and from the airport, and no additional time is required to use our facility. Vehicles parked in our fully secured lot are patrolled 24/7. Customers can take advantage of our in-house car care service center where we provide washes, detailing and oil changes. Business travelers enjoy the benefits of our "FAST PASS PROGRAM," Indy Biz Xpress (www.indybizxpress.com). It adds value and convenience to your parking experience. Features of the program include guaranteed parking year-round, preferred parking rates, rewards towards free parking, and "express" check-out privileges.

NEW - *We have recently installed canopies to cover our pick up and drop off areas for our Valet Customers. Go from your car to our shuttle bus in a totally covered environment! In an effort to improve our "green" technology, alongside the electric charging station we have converted our parking lot lighting to meet sustainability standards. Visit our website at <u>www.indyparkrideandfly.com</u> to pre-book parking, learn about rates, directions and more information.*

About Energy Systems Network and Project Plug-IN: Energy Systems Network (ESN) is a not-for-profit, industry-driven economic initiative focused on the development of Indiana's "clean tech" sector. ESN provides project development and coordination for joint ventures and cooperative partnerships between network members who are seeking to bring new energy technologies, products or applications to market. Project Plug-IN, one of ESN's initiatives, is a commercial scale pilot of plug-in electric vehicles and smart grid technology working together to demonstrate an energy efficient transportation system solution. ESN and Project Plug-IN received U.S. Department of Energy grant funding through the Indiana Office of Energy Development (IOED) for the deployment of electric vehicles and charging stations. For more information, visit www.energysystemsnetwork.com and www.projectplugin.com.

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