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CITY OF NEWARK HOSTS OPEN HOUSE REGARDING SMART METER PROJECT

Newark, DE (November 28, 2012) – The City of Newark is hosting an informational open house for residents and businesses regarding its smart meter project on **Tuesday, December 4 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Newark Municipal Building's City Council Chamber located at 220 Elkton Road. The savings from this Guaranteed Performance Contract will fund its implementation.

City officials have been working to finalize the details of the project in an effort to begin its implementation early next year. The open house includes an opening presentation every 45 minutes with question and answers and multiple displays and information to take away regarding the project. Those unable to attend may visit www.cityofnewarkde.us/smartmeters for information. Additional details will be added to the website following the open house.

The project boasts:

- more efficient water and electric meter reading (water meters will be read monthly instead of quarterly);
- organizational efficiencies;
- reduced operating costs;
- website with up-to-date utility usage information;
- increased opportunities for leak detection - water conservation;
- outage management improvements - increased reliability;
- positive public safety impacts (cameras and law enforcement laptops); and
- greater field operation capabilities.

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