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CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION'S SAFETY DIRECTOR
EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SAFETY PROGRAMS

DOVER, DE – Ric Chatham, Director of Safety for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, was selected by the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) as the winner of the Individual Safety Award for 2008. The Safety Award is presented to a company or individual who has made extraordinary contributions to industry safety through public or community education, hazardous materials training and support, or employee training.

Mr. Chatham has been with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for over ten years and oversees the safety programs for the entire corporation and all of its subsidiaries including Chesapeake Utilities, Sharp Energy and Eastern Shore Natural Gas. Mr. Chatham's outreach efforts with first responders, informative sessions with organizations in the Delmarva community, training and workshops for fire and rescue personnel, and strong employee education program are among the many reasons he was nominated for the award.

"Chesapeake has always maintained the highest commitment to safety," said John Schimkaitis, President of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "Ric's strong knowledge in both the natural gas and propane arenas is a rare find and we are fortunate to have Ric in such a critical role within the organization. Day after day, Ric impresses upon our employees Chesapeake's strong commitment to safety; his relentless dedication to continuous training reinforces that commitment in all of our employees."

"We're very proud of Ric and all that he's accomplished not only at Chesapeake over the last ten years but throughout his career history," added Steve Thompson, Senior

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Vice President of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and President of Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company. "It takes significant expertise and knowledge to run a successful safety program for a diverse company like Chesapeake, and the entire team at Chesapeake is thrilled that he was recognized for his efforts at the national level."

Mr. Chatham was presented with the Award at the NPGA's Nominating Luncheon in Washington, D.C. on June 9, 2008.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's subsidiary, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company, was recently awarded the American Gas Association's Safety Award for the fifth consecutive year. The American Gas Association, which represents the nation's gas utilities, recognized 17 of its member companies for achieving outstanding records for employee safety in 2007.

The National Propane Gas Association is the national trade association representing the U.S. propane industry. Their membership of more than 3,500 companies includes small businesses and large corporations engaged in the retail marketing of propane gas and appliances; producers and wholesalers of propane equipment; manufacturers and distributors of propane gas appliances and equipment; fabricators of propane gas cylinders and tanks; and propane transporters.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified utility company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission and marketing of environmentally friendly natural gas in Delaware, Maryland and Florida; distribution and wholesale marketing of propane in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Florida; advanced information services and other related businesses. Chesapeake is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPK. Information about Chesapeake's businesses is available at www.chpk.com.

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's Director of Safety, Ric Chatham, was selected by the National Propane Gas Association as the national winner of the Individual Safety Award for 2008. Chatham, right, is congratulated on the Award by Steve Thompson, Senior Vice President of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and President of Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

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