

Gaylord National Resort Reduces Carbon Footprint

(National Harbor, Md. – April 5, 2018) – Each year during the month of April, people around the world bring a greater focus on the importance of protecting the environment. **Gaylord National** Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md. is no different and has contracted a six megawatt combined heat and power (CHP) system at its property to reduce its carbon footprint.

As the East Coast’s largest non-gaming hotel and convention center, the resort is constantly looking at ways to support a green environment and save energy, while also maintaining power resiliency to its facility.

“We have been working on this project for the past two years,” said Derek Brauner, director of engineering at **Gaylord National** Resort. “The generators help to take pressure off an already strained electrical grid, which will reduce the need for additional power plants and benefit the overall environment.”

The new system, which is the largest CHP system using reciprocating engines in the state of Maryland, will cover approximately 64% of the facilities peak electrical demand and 90% of its annual electrical consumption. This will result in approximately a 63% reduction of its Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Waste heat from the system (comprised of three 2000kW natural gas engines) will be used for domestic water and space heating of the resort.

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center is the largest, non-gaming hotel and convention center on the East Coast, located along the banks of the Potomac River in National Harbor, Maryland and part of **Marriott International**. Opened in April 2008 and celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, **Gaylord National** is a AAA-Four Diamond resort that is only eight miles from Washington, D.C. The resort offers nearly 2,000 rooms including 110 suites; a 19-story atrium; 600,000 square-feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space; acclaimed restaurants including **Old Hickory Steakhouse**; a modern resort spa, **Relache Spa**; and Pose Rooftop Lounge.

For more information about **Gaylord National** Resort and its green initiatives, visit www.GaylordNational.com or call 301-965-4000.

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