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Flint Hills Resources' Pine Bend Refinery Names Woodbury-Based Pioneer Power "Contractor of the Year"

Rosemount, Minn. – The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery announced today that its "Contractor of the Year" honor has been awarded to Pioneer Power, a mechanical contractor based in Woodbury, Minn. Pioneer Power provides pipefitting and other services at Pine Bend, and was selected based on its strong safety record, innovative practices, and attention to customer focus.

"Safety is one of the words we live by at Pine Bend, so selecting a contractor that makes safety its top priority was a natural choice. We are very happy to call Pioneer Power a long-time partner," said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery.

The Pine Bend-Pioneer Power relationship dates back to the 1960s, and Pioneer Power has been a core contractor at the Pine Bend refinery since 1999. In 2016, Pioneer Power worked nearly 328,000 man-hours in maintenance and other large projects at Pine Bend.

[Click here](#) to see a photo of Flint Hills Resources presenting the award to Pioneer Power. (L to R) Hardy Kemp and Joe Peterson (Flint Hills Resources), Tom Vail (Steamfitters Pipefitters Local 455), Larry Stevens and Dan Goetzke (Pioneer Power), Keith Fermanich (Flint Hills Resources), Mike Gallager (Pioneer Power), and Eric Duchnowski (Flint Hills Resources).

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,300 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

About Pioneer Power

With more than 65 years of industry experience, Minnesota-based Pioneer Power is a leading mechanical contractor in the Upper Midwest. Known for superior quality and safety, Pioneer Power specializes in industrial, process and power piping for a variety of industries. It provides boilers, burners, controls, pipe fabrication, pipe installation, plumbing, project management, and mechanical maintenance. More information is available at pioneerpower.com.

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