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### Foothills Energy Ventures Developing 12 Bcf Gas Storage Facility to support Northeast U.S. Energy Needs

DENVER, CO – May 29, 2007 /PR Newswire/– Foothills Energy Ventures, LLC, a Denver-based midstream energy company, is developing an underground gas storage reservoir in Monroe County, MS. The project, Monroe Gas Storage, will provide up to 12 Bcf of storage capacity starting in late 2008.

Monroe Gas Storage Company, LLC (MGS), a subsidiary of Foothills, purchased the depleted gas field in October, 2006. MGS has completed reservoir engineering, environmental surveys and market studies, and expects to file with FERC for Natural Gas Act Section 7(c) certification (and market based rates) during June, 2007.

“Monroe offers several compelling benefits to potential customers,” said Brian Bierbach, President and CEO of Foothills. “The project is strategically located downstream from a historical bottleneck on the Texas Eastern Transmission Company (TETCO) pipeline, and upon completion of project build-out, we will have a dual interconnect with both TETCO and Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP), enabling additional hub services. Our facility will be strategically located near two vital pipelines supplying the northeast corridor of the U.S.”

Bierbach also noted the reservoir will provide a high degree of deliverability. “Reservoir characteristics will allow up to four withdrawal cycles per year,” he stated. “We anticipate being operational at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2008, in time to accommodate seasonal injection demand.” Foothills, a 50% owner in the project, will develop and operate the facility. High Sierra Energy of Denver, CO is the other 50% owner.

Foothills has received significant early interest in Monroe from merchants, producers and LDCs. An Open Season is anticipated for 3Q, 2007. MGS received a warm response from the public at its May 22<sup>nd</sup> Open House in Amory, Mississippi. The Open House was part of MGS’s continuing effort to familiarize area residents and local officials with the environmentally responsible facility that will help provide a reliable, competitively-priced supply of clean natural gas to consumers. The fully completed project, including the TGP and TETCO pipeline interconnections, is expected to cost over \$100 million.

#### About Foothills

Foothills Energy Ventures, LLC is a Denver-based firm engaged in infrastructure development and management of midstream energy assets including **Natural Gas**—storage, gathering, processing and marketing; **Liquids and Refined Products**—NGLs and crude oil; and **Other Resources**—coal, power generation and alternative fuels. Foothills diversifies opportunities by asset type and geographical location, and is currently active in the Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast regions.

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