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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CONSUMERS ENERGY AND CIPCO REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS ASSIST IN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT MARSHALLTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK

MARSHALLTOWN, IA (January 14, 2009) – Consumers Energy and Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) closed on loans totaling \$200,000 with Bennett Development on January 7, 2009. The funds will assist in financing the road and sewer improvements at a developing commercial/industrial area in Marshalltown, Iowa.

The development is 35 plus acres located between Culver's and Theisen's between West Iowa Avenue and Highway 30. Bennett Development had previously operated Starlite Mobile Home Park on part of this land until recently. Hampton Inn and Suites purchased 2.85 acres on the southeast corner of the development and plan to open late summer 2009.

The loans were funded through USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program (REDLG). Consumers Energy and CIPCO utilize these funds to promote community development and economic growth in its member systems service territory.

Consumers Energy is a local, member-owned energy solutions cooperative specializing in energy delivery and energy management. The cooperative serves over 5,000 members and customers throughout six counties in Central Iowa: Marshall, Story, Jasper, Polk, Tama and Hardin. For more information visit our website at [www.consumersenergy.coop](http://www.consumersenergy.coop).

Central Iowa Power Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit, generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative serving 13 rural electric cooperatives and associations. As Iowa's largest cooperative energy provider, CIPCO serves approximately 316,500 Iowans in 58 counties. For more information visit our website at [www.cipco.net](http://www.cipco.net)



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