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First protocol addressing GHG emissions from the electric power sector is adopted by North American greenhouse gas registry

Electric Power Sector Protocol provides specific guidance for comprehensive GHG emissions measurement and reporting

(July 14, 2009 – Los Angeles, CA) – The Climate Registry, the standards-setting organization for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in North America, announced its Electric Power Sector (EPS) Protocol has been adopted and is available for use. The protocol is the first set of standards for North American electric power organizations to comprehensively address measuring and reporting the entire range of GHG emissions sources associated with the generation and delivery of electric power.

The electric power sector has been identified as a critical industry in regards to accounting for emitted greenhouse gases and has been included in mandatory emissions reporting requirements, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft mandatory GHG emissions reporting rule. The EPS Protocol was designed to be consistent with and complementary to mandatory reporting requirements. It allows organizations to use data submitted to the EPA or other programs as part of their emissions reports to The Climate Registry. It also guides the creation of inventories for all emissions sources, such as emissions associated with the transmission and distribution of electricity.

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“The EPS Protocol meets a critical need at an important time,” said Olon Plunk, Vice President of Environmental Services for Xcel Energy, a Founding Registry utility Member. “While the EPA rulemaking marks the beginning of a long process of regulatory development, The Climate Registry offers utilities – and our customers – a completely different set of benefits. As a Registry participant, Xcel Energy has the opportunity to work collaboratively with Registry staff and other participating stakeholders. We also gain access to a comprehensive GHG reporting system that has the scope and rigor to support not only our internal management processes, but also our public commitments to environmental leadership and serving our customers’ needs.”

The protocol serves as a supplement to The Climate Registry’s General Reporting Protocol (GRP), which provides overall guidance for all emissions reporting. The industry-specific EPS Protocol guides organizations in quantifying and verifying emissions metrics that reflect the carbon intensity of the power they deliver to wholesale, retail and even special or green power customers. The value of these metrics can be passed down to customers by allowing them to more accurately assess the impact of their electricity consumption.

The Climate Registry represents a strong, unified voice for all North American jurisdictions to influence climate change solutions on every level from international to local. Sitting on its Board of Directors are 41 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, 12 Canadian provinces and territories, six Mexican states and four Native Sovereign Nations. These jurisdictions guide The Registry in developing standards for the calculation, verification and public reporting of comprehensive and accurate GHG emissions data throughout North America in a single registry.

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a nonprofit collaboration among North American states, provinces, territories and Native Sovereign Nations that sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry. The Registry supports both voluntary and mandatory reporting programs and provides comprehensive, accurate data to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Please visit www.theclimateregistry.org.

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