



The Climate Registry

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***The Climate Registry* Chooses Diane Wittenberg as New Executive Director**

North America's Largest Climate Change Organization Hires Experienced Leader

Washington, DC – Diane Wittenberg has been hired as the Executive Director of *The Climate Registry*. Comprised of 39 US States, the District of Columbia, 3 Canadian Provinces, 3 tribes and one Mexican state, this innovative organization is creating a common standard for measuring, reporting and verifying GHG emissions consistent across industry sectors and borders. The Climate Registry is tracking system for states, provinces, and tribes to implement voluntary, mandatory and market based programs. The Registry will also help ensure a standardized carbon currency throughout North America.

Bob Malone, Chairman and President of BP America, Inc., applauded Ms. Wittenberg's appointment, "I was on the founding board of the California Climate Action Registry. Diane built that organization from a concept embodied in a state statute to a respected, important NGO with over 300 reporters and well-recognized GHG reporting standards. *The Climate Registry* brings BP's goal of unified GHG reporting and measurement standards even closer to reality, and Diane is just the right person to make that happen."

"We support the new Registry and Diane is a fine choice to head it up. She is trustworthy and has excellent judgment," said Frances Beinecke, President of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"Diane has unparalleled experience in Registry management. She has earned a reputation among government, private sector and environmental organizations as a consensus builder with high integrity, good vision and strong management skills. She's the natural choice to guide this new organization to success," said Gina McCarthy, Environmental Commissioner for the State of Connecticut and Chair of *The Climate Registry*.

“I work on the *conceive, believe, achieve* model of getting things done,” said Wittenberg. We will develop a common vision and purpose shared by all the member states and provinces, and then we will make it happen. That energizes me.”

Ms. Wittenberg’s career spans both the public and private sectors. She has been president of the California Climate Action Registry since its inception in 2001. Previously she was vice president, Corporate Communications, of Edison International, a Fortune 200 company. Before that, she was president of Edison EV, which provided a national charging network for Toyota, GM, Honda and Nissan electric vehicles, such as GM’s revolutionary Impact electric car.

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THE CLIMATE REGISTRY is creating a common infrastructure for reporting corporate, governmental and other GHG emissions data. THE CLIMATE REGISTRY carbon accounting standards provide accurate, complete, consistent, transparent, comparable and verified GHG reporting. For more information visit: www.theclimateregistry.org

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