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BCSE Speaks at EPA Public Hearing on Proposed Limits to Toxic Emissions from the Electric Utility Sector

Atlanta, GA -- The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson in advance of the Council's comments today at an EPA Public Hearing on the Proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for coal- and oil-fired electric utility steam generating units.

"The BCSE supports EPA's stated timeline for finalizing and implementing the Proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for the electric utility sector. We commend the Agency for offering an output-based compliance option as part of the proposed standards and call on the Agency to improve the rule's recognition of the benefits of efficient combined heat and power. Shifting to lower emissions technologies and resources while upgrading our nation's electric generation infrastructure will help drive economic growth and create jobs. These proposed standards are an important step and the BCSE looks forward to submitting full written comments before the July 5 deadline."

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power, commercial end-users and environmental market service providers. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for policies at state, national and international levels that increases the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. The coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of our economy and creation of a secure and sustainable energy future for America. Learn more at <http://www.bcse.org>.