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**BCSE Statement on the Release of a White House Executive Order to
Accelerate Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency**

Washington, DC -- The Business Council for Sustainable Energy released the following statement from Council President Lisa Jacobson in response to the Obama Administration's release of an Executive Order to accelerate investment in industrial energy efficiency.

"BCSE commends the Obama Administration for focusing on the economic benefits of improving our industrial competitiveness through combined heat and power (CHP), waste heat recovery and other industrial energy efficiency investments.

"Critical to this effort, the Executive Order calls for a national CHP deployment goal of an additional 40 gigawatts (GW) by 2020.

"The Executive Order also focuses key government resources to improve coordination at the federal level, partnering with and supporting States, and identifying investment models.

"The industrial sector accounts for over 30 percent of all energy consumed in the United States. CHP currently supplies 12 percent of U.S. electricity capacity and 8 percent of total U.S. power generation capacity. CHP systems can reach efficiencies above 80 percent and industry estimates indicate the technical potential for additional CHP at existing sites in the U.S. is approximately 130 GW (plus an additional 10 GW of waste heat recovery).

"Along with the significant economic benefits, deploying 40 GW of highly efficient CHP would also have the environmental emissions reduction benefits equivalent to removing 25 million cars from the road.

"The President's Executive Order focuses federal resources on industrial energy efficiency. Industrial energy efficiency improves the nation's economic productivity and manufacturing competitiveness, while creating jobs through the supply chain."

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 and commercial end-users. Celebrating 20 years of representing clean energy industry interests, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. The coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure and reliable energy future for America. For more information, please visit BCSE on the web at www.bcse.org.

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