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BCSE Statement on EPA's Carbon Standards for Existing Power Plants

Washington, DC -- The Business Council for Sustainable Energy released the following statement from Council President Lisa Jacobson on the Environmental Protection Agency's carbon regulations for existing power plants. Ms. Jacobson participated in the [EPA public listening session](#) on carbon regulations in Washington, DC today.

"The Council believes that commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services will be able to help our nation reduce emissions, grow the economy, create jobs and strengthen our energy system -- in addition to being cost-effective compliance options for carbon regulations.

"As evidenced in the [Sustainable Energy in America 2013 Factbook](#), released by the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and Bloomberg New Energy Finance, affordable, homegrown and clean energy sources are powering the U.S. economy and have helped to reduce carbon emissions in the United States to 1994 levels in 2012.

"To keep this momentum going, the Council recommends that energy efficiency (including combined heat and power and waste heat to power), the full set of renewable energy options, and natural gas and propane be made eligible as compliance options within EPA's regulation of carbon emissions from existing power plants.

"Further, while crafting regulations for carbon emissions under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA should:

- Provide a set of options for states in the guidelines that signal support for policies and investments in the broad portfolio of clean energy technology sectors
- Recognize existing programs that drive clean energy deployment and emission reductions and ensure that customers do not pay twice for the emissions reductions that have already been achieved
- Offer flexibility for states or regions to impose more stringent standards
- Utilize a system wide approach versus a facility-per-facility standard approach to enable energy efficiency and renewable energy to fully participate as compliance options
- Provide balance between standardization and flexibility when it comes to the guidelines, particularly as it pertains to evaluation, monitoring and verification
- Adopt full fuel-cycle analyses that acknowledge the benefits of direct use of natural gas."

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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. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: www.bcse.org and download Sustainable Energy in America 2013 Factbook for the latest industry information.