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New U.S. NDC to Drive Accelerated Clean Energy Transformation

Washington, DC – Today’s announcement by U.S. President Joe Biden of the new nationally-determined contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement sets a goal for the United States to reduce economy-wide net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

In reaction, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN) offer the following comments.

Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE):

“The new nationally-determined contribution sends a clear market signal for an accelerated clean energy transformation. This transformation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create new economic opportunities and jobs.

“Clean energy businesses in the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors stand ready to work with the Administration and Congress and in coordination with state and local governments and communities to achieve this goal. We need to identify durable and supportive policy pathways, and foster new public-private partnerships, to make progress in this critical climate decade.

“The United States can make significant GHG reductions by leveraging private sector actions and investments and by optimizing the broad portfolio of existing clean energy solutions. Looking at the data from the last decade in the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#), we know that emission reductions can be made in an affordable and reliable manner. With this new U.S. NDC, we seek to accelerate clean energy deployment and expand the economic benefits of this transformation at home and abroad.”

Lynn Abramson, President, Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN):

“President Biden’s new target under the Paris Agreement will create new opportunities for small and medium sized businesses. Setting this ambitious goal will incentivize our country’s greatest resource of innovators and entrepreneurs to develop and deploy new clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and services at scale. This long-term, nation-wide market signal will foster new jobs, reduce energy costs for businesses and families, and lead to healthier communities across the country.”

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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 investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, equipment manufacturers,

and environmental and energy market service providers. 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. For the latest industry data, download the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#).

The **Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN)** is the small business voice for the clean energy economy, working to enhance opportunities for clean energy providers through policy support, market and technology education, and business development assistance. For more information, please visit: www.cebn.org.