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Clean Energy Industries Urge Inclusion of Key Policies in Energy Bill
Measures are tied to the creation of American jobs and competitiveness

Washington, DC —The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)—a coalition of leading companies and trade associations from America’s energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy industries—released the following statement from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson in reaction to Majority Leader Reid’s announcement concerning energy legislation to be considered by the Senate next week:

“America’s clean energy industries urge that the base bill introduced to the Senate floor next week include **a suite of complementary clean energy policies that will drive investment, create American jobs, and help secure the long term health of our economy and environment.**

“Majority Leader Reid’s inclusion of the Home STAR legislation and incentives for investments in the manufacturing of natural gas vehicles is a significant step forward. We applaud Senator Reid for his leadership and call on Senate leadership to expand that base package to include:

- A strong national Renewable Electricity Standard to ensure that a growing percentage of electricity consumed in the United States is derived from renewable energy sources. The targets should be set higher than business as usual forecasts and be structured to deploy a broad range of existing technologies.
- A national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard requiring energy savings through efficiency programs or combined heat and power (CHP), which goes beyond business as usual. Additional efficiency measures are needed including energy-savings targets for new and existing buildings and measures to encourage states to adopt energy efficiency programs in the forms of codes, standards. Further, energy efficiency definitions and measurements should also be defined to recognize the overall efficiency of energy use from extraction and generation through use, thereby leveling the playing field among competing technology alternatives.
- Robust and predictable tax and other financial incentives and financing mechanisms for clean energy and energy efficiency projects and manufacturing, such as the Section 1603 Treasury Grant Program and Section 48c Manufacturing Tax Credit.
- All the STAR proposals to improve energy efficiency in the residential, commercial building, and industrial sectors, including Building STAR (S.3079 and H.R.5476), and Industrial STAR (H.R.4751) in addition to Home STAR (S.3434 and H.R.5019).
- Measures to increase the utilization of high-efficiency natural gas-fueled generation.

“These bipartisan clean energy policies can help lay the foundation for continued growth in America’s clean energy industries and set the stage for the continued formulation of our nation’s long term energy policy in the months to come.”

The Council included these recommendations in a letter sent today to the full U.S. Senate.

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE; www.bcse.org) is an organization dedicated to implementing market-based approaches to reducing pollution and providing a diverse, secure mix of energy resources. Founded in 1992 by senior executives in the natural gas, energy efficiency, electric utility, and renewable energy industries, the Council offers a distinct, business-oriented perspective on energy, environmental and sustainability issues. BCSE's members have combined annual revenues of over \$650 billion, providing America with clean energy services, technology products, and power generation. For more information on the BCSE, please visit <http://www.bcse.org>.