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POWER-GEN Renewable Energy 2005 Showcases National Energy Security Panel

Washington, DC – The American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) and PennWell Corporation today announced the panelists on the National Security Panel at POWER-GEN Renewable Energy, the all-renewable energy trade show to be held at the Las Vegas Hilton on March 1-3, 2005.

The National Energy Security Panel will present and discuss the challenges facing the United States and how renewable fuels and renewable electricity respond to those challenges.

The panel will be lead by Lt. Colonel Bill Holmberg, USMC (Ret). Speakers on the panel include Gal Luft, Executive Director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS); Judy Siegel, President, Energy and Security Group; Roger Ballentine, President, Green Strategies; and Roger Feldman, attorney with Bingham McCutchen.

Gal Luft stated that, “Since September 11 it has become apparent that oil imports and national security are closely connected. Additionally, growing demand for petroleum in Asia creates competition over access to energy in some of the world’s most unsavory countries. As oil prices soar and oil dependence continues to impose a heavy toll on our national security, the renewable energy industry faces a new opportunity to enter the market in mass, providing a viable alternative to petroleum.”

Roger Ballentine, President, Green Strategies agrees. “The United States is facing a new and multi-faceted challenge from its over-dependence on oil. No longer just the concern of environmentalists, our dependence on oil is quickly becoming a major concern of national security experts. Being tied to world oil markets that are dominated by undemocratic regimes in unstable areas and facing increasing competition for oil from China and India, presents a threat to our national security. Therefore, we will need to seek a new political coalition that can significantly alter national policy in favor of alternatives to oil, and that is where renewable energy is presented with an enormous opportunity,” said Ballentine.

In addition, sustainability of operations also plays a major defining focus of the panel. “Electric energy security requires targeted application of renewables to the special ‘continuity’ requirements of key public services and private operations critical to the sustained operation of modern society,” commented Roger Feldman, attorney with the law firm Bingham McCutchen in Washington, DC.

There are major implications of the national security issue for electric utilities across the country. The national security issue also is a driver creating markets for new technology companies like PowerLight Corporation, a leading supplier of solar systems on commercial rooftops. “POWER-GEN Renewable Energy is truly a premiere power event, providing tremendous opportunities for networking and connecting with the world’s leading decision makers in the power generation field. This is a trade

show and conference that entrepreneurs in the renewable energy field should not miss,” stated Dan Shugar, President, PowerLight Corporation.

POWER-GEN Renewable Energy 2005 is expected to have over 100 exhibitors and over 1,500 attendees including representatives from multiple utility organizations.

POWER-GEN Renewable Energy 2005’s partnering associations include the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), Biomass Coordinating Council (BCC), Clean Fuels Development Council (CFDC), New Uses Council (NUC), Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA), Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), National Hydropower Association, National Hydrogen Association, and the Geothermal Energy Association.

Supporting organizations include the United States Department of Commerce, Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), and the US Energy Association (USEA).

About The American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) and PennWell Corporation

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