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**BCSE Praises Nevada's Commitment to the Accord for a New Energy Future
*Continued Leadership on Clean Energy Will Bring Jobs and Economic Benefit to State***

Washington, DC - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson regarding Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval joining 16 other governors in signing the *Governors Accord for a New Energy Future*, a joint commitment announced Tuesday to take action to promote clean energy, clean transportation choices, modernize energy infrastructure, and plan for a new energy future:

“The Council commends Governor Sandoval and this bipartisan group of governors for coming together to state their commitment towards diversifying the clean energy economy. The Accord recognizes that by deploying cleaner and more efficient energy solutions, we can make our national economy more productive and resilient.

“Natural gas plays a major role in Nevada’s electricity generation mix, has generated roughly 2/3 of the state’s energy every year since 2008, according to a [study](#) by Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) and BCSE. In addition, Nevada doubled its renewable energy generating capacity between 2008 and 2013, from 9% to 18%, driven by new geothermal, solar and wind capacity. And while Nevada’s annual energy efficiency savings and spending have slowed in recent years, the state’s utilities are piloting technology-enabled demand-side management programs. Not only will efficiency investments lower carbon emissions, but, done right, they also will lower customers’ bills.

“The nation’s electricity sector is undergoing a sweeping transition that is providing consumers with far more choices in the way they buy and consume energy. Through a combination of new technologies, changing consumer behavior and smart public policies, these choices provide more options for affordable and reliable energy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Indeed, with today’s changing electricity markets, Nevada is well-prepared to meet the carbon-reduction goals established in the Clean Power Plan (CPP).

“These energy solutions are at the forefront of the clean energy transformation that is occurring around the US and is described in detail in the recently released [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) produced in partnership by BCSE and BNEF.

“The Council is pleased to see so many state governors showcasing their commitment to working together to promote clean energy technologies and policies in order to create a stronger energy future for their individual states and the nation.”

The bipartisan group of 17 governors – Gov. Sandoval (R-NV), Gov. Baker (R-MA), Gov. Branstad (R-IA), Gov.

Snyder (R-MI), Gov. Malloy (D-CT), Gov. Markell (D-DE), Gov. Ige (D-HI), Gov. Dayton (D-MN), Gov. Hassan (D-NH), Gov. Cuomo (D-NY), Gov. Brown (D-OR), Gov. Wolf (D-PA), Gov. Raimondo (D-RI), Gov. Shumlin (D-VT) and Gov. McAuliffe (D-VA) – signed the *Governors Accord for a New Energy Future* which is intended to provide these participating governors with a platform through which their states will collaborate and leverage partnerships in energy planning and policymaking.

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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 Factbook](#) 2016 edition for the latest industry information.