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Celebrating 25 Years of Clean Energy Advocacy

Washington, DC – The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2017 and offers the following testimonials from corporate executives and policy-makers on the day of its 2017 Annual Meeting:

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

“The U.S. energy economy has seen tremendous change over the past quarter century – and the Council has been privileged to work exceptional policy-makers and government officials, from both sides of the political spectrum, at the state, federal and international levels, to create policies that have enabled the clean energy transformation we are witnessing today. This transformation is delivering economic, environmental and security co-benefits to American individuals, homes and businesses. Over 3+ million jobs are supported by the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors in America. 92% of all new power capacity built in the U.S. since 1992 has been from renewable energy and natural gas. Over \$58 billion has been spent on energy efficiency programs by natural gas and electric utilities since 1992. And in 2016, the power sector’s annual greenhouse gas emissions hit a 25-year low.”

Mark Wagner, Vice President, Government Relations, Johnson Controls and Chairman, BCSE Board of Directors:

“Since 1992, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy has been a leading business voice in advocating for common-sense policies that make smart economic sense for our country. Our world has changed dramatically over those 25 years in terms of energy technology and the positive contributions it has made in the U.S. economy. During that time the U.S. has experienced a 58% gain in energy productivity, with energy efficiency playing a major role. Congratulations to BCSE. I am proud to have been a small part of this great organization.”

Senator Susan Collins, (R-Maine), member of Senate Appropriations Committee:

“Congratulations to you and your entire membership on celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy. There are many critical energy and environmental issues facing our country. As a diverse coalition of energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy industries, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy provides practical policy information to support the cost-effective deployment of clean energy technologies. The annual publication of the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) is one example of the positive impact the Council continues to make. By advancing sustainable solutions to meet America’s energy needs, we can grow our economy and create jobs while protecting the environment and public health.”

Neil Chatterjee, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

“Congratulations to the Business Council for Sustainable Energy on its 25th Anniversary. As a broad-based industry coalition, it has supported market-based policies that have led to the deployment of a diverse portfolio of energy resources. I have had the opportunity to engage directly with its members and staff and the coalition has been an effective educator and advocate on leading energy and tax issues.

“I also want to commend its focus on detailing the changes that have occurred in the U.S. energy sector with the publication of the annual [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#). This timely information helps policymakers assess different policy options and make better decisions. This is even more valuable as the country seeks to enhance the reliability, resiliency and affordability of energy for businesses and households.”

Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio), member of the Senate Finance Committee, member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

“I want to congratulate the Business Council for Sustainable Energy on 25 years of uniting companies with the goal of preserving our planet’s resources. The Council’s role in promoting clean, sustainable, and renewable energy development cannot be overstated.

“Energy efficiency and economic prosperity are not mutually exclusive. The Business Council for Sustainable Energy understands this, and I will continue working in Congress to address our energy challenges—while doing so in smart, affordable ways.

“This has remained one of my top policy concerns in the U.S. Senate. This year I, alongside Senator Jeanne Shaheen, reintroduced our bipartisan Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act. This bill would reduce our carbon emissions equivalent to taking 22 million cars off the road over the next 15 years and give our workers around the country a competitive advantage by making our plants more energy efficient.

“This will build upon a 2015 bill I authored, which was signed into law by President Obama and reduced emissions, energy consumption, and costs—all while remaining budget neutral. I appreciate the Council’s support for this legislation, and I look forward to continued collaboration to make smart reforms to America’s energy policies.

“Together, we can make common sense changes that create a more energy efficient economy and protect our environment. I appreciate the Business Council for Sustainable Energy’s leadership in this critical endeavor. Congratulations on 25 years and many more to come.”

Robert F. Powelson, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

“As the Business Council for Sustainable Energy celebrates a significant milestone this year with its 25th Anniversary, I want to congratulate them for being a strong voice for clean energy on both the state and federal level. As a former Chairman of the Pennsylvania PUC, I found the information provided by BCSE in the Sustainable Energy in America Factbook to be useful and informative. The Council is a valuable advocate for the economic benefits of America’s clean energy economy and I wish them congratulations on their 25th Anniversary.”

Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee, member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

“I want to congratulate the Business Council for Sustainable Energy on two and a half decades of providing a business voice for clean energy development and environmental protections. Ensuring affordable, reliable and renewable power is available to American consumers is a priority for me in Congress, and the Business Council has long been a successful partner in moving toward a more energy efficient business sector that uses more renewable energy and supports

millions of good-paying clean energy jobs across America. I look forward to working with the Council as it continues to inform policies that propel economic development and private sector innovation in clean energy.”

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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](#) 2017 edition for the latest industry information.