

NEWS RELEASE**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****CONTACT: Ed Finklea
503-595-1232****Energy Action Northwest Announces Final Details of Energy Summit**

(Portland, OR: October 20, 2008) Energy Action Northwest, a business and labor coalition that advocates for rational energy policies for the region, today released details of this week's Energy Summit Northwest 2008, the first of what will be annual "information summits" sponsored by EANW.

The session will be held on Thursday, October 23 from 8:30-4:30 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. A total of 30 energy experts from the public and private sectors will speak on a wide range of topics throughout the day in a format that features panel discussions and several breakout sessions. As of today's date, more than 100 people had registered for the event, or slightly more than half of the event's capacity.

"This event is the single largest assembly of energy experts ever assembled in our region to discuss the energy issue in a holistic way...with representation from all sectors of the energy picture, including discussion on how natural gas and electric utilities can work together," stated Edward Finklea, Executive Director of Energy Action NW. "Given the strong early registration activity, we are hopeful of having a sell-out event," he continued.

Finklea cited several examples, including a panel discussion that includes Steve Wright of Bonneville Power Administration, Gregg Kantor of Northwest Natural Gas and Angus Duncan of the Oregon Global Warming Commission discussing how natural gas and electric energy providers can work together to address the region's energy future.

Bill Walker of the Alaska Gas Pipeline Authority will provide insight into the importance of the Pacific Northwest market for Alaskan Gas, and how investment in natural gas regasification infrastructure, such as proposed LNG terminals, will create a ready and reliable market for Alaskan gas in the region.

Finally, Finklea pointed to a panel discussion on how the use of clean natural gas for transportation may impact the region in a beneficial way. A Honda Civic GX natural gas-powered car will be displayed in the conference center lobby.

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“Through events like this, we seek to provide business and labor leaders with information, context and perspective on our region’s energy challenges,” stated Finklea. “If business and labor are to move from the margins to the center of the energy debate, we need to equip them with objective information. And that’s why we are hosting this event.”

Energy Action Northwest is a public policy advocacy group representing businesses and labor organizations in the Pacific Northwest that are concerned about the reliability and affordability of electricity and natural gas. Its members are energy stakeholders who recognize that the Northwest needs to promote energy efficiency, renewable resource development and additional natural gas supplies. It recommends energy policies based on sound economics, science, rational environmental stewardship and competitive cost.

Online registration for Energy Summit Northwest 2008 is available by visiting www.EnergyActionNW.org. The website also features a detailed agenda and list of scheduled speakers. The Summit’s informational brochure and agenda is attached.