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Contact: **Ed Finklea 503-595-1232****Energy Action Northwest Executive to Address Region's Natural Gas Outlook**

(Portland, Oregon, September 12, 2008) At a meeting of the Oregon Bar Association on September 17th, Edward Finklea, Executive Director of the recently-established Energy Action Northwest, a business and labor coalition that seeks to promote rational energy policy development, will speak on the region's natural gas supply and demand, what is influencing rising natural gas prices, and how growth in demand for natural gas for electric generation is fundamentally changing market dynamics.

Finklea will address how growing interest in renewable energy sources and addressing climate change is creating growing demand for natural gas in the Northwest and beyond. Finklea and a co-speaker, Henry Morris of TransCanada, will also discuss how developments regarding Canadian and the US Rockies' natural gas are influencing our region's natural gas supply forecast, as well as proposals for liquefied natural gas regasification terminals in Oregon. The presentation will also include discussion of the Palomar pipeline proposal, permitting process and the challenges associated with constructing additional pipeline infrastructure.

This event will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 12 noon. Attendees will be eligible to receive CLE credit. The location is the Red Star Tavern and Roast House Restaurant, 503 SW Alder Street, Portland. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, the public is invited to visit the Energy Action Northwest web site at www.EnergyActionNW.org.

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