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Contact: **Ed Finklea 503-595-1232****New Energy Advocacy Group Announces Plans for Energy Summit**

(Portland, Oregon, September 10, 2008) Energy Action Northwest, the business and labor coalition formed this summer to advocate rational energy policy development for the Northwest, today announced plans for an energy “information summit” designed to provide context and data that will contribute to public discussion of the region’s energy supply plans.

Energy Summit Northwest 2008 will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. It will offer a variety of presentations and panel discussions featuring both regional and national energy experts. A listing of the day’s agenda and scheduled speakers is attached.

“Information is the power that will drive meaningful public participation in our region’s energy debate,” stated Energy Action NW Executive Director Edward Finklea. “This event is designed to voice perspectives from every part of the Northwest’s energy community so that together we can make informed decisions about our energy future,” he continued.

Finklea said that he expects the event will attract 200 or more business and civic leaders, as well as concerned members of the public. Speakers from a range of energy-related organizations will participate, including Alaska Gasline Port Authority, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Energy Trust of Oregon, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities and the Oregon Public Utility Commission, as well as representatives of area businesses and labor unions.

Admission for the daylong event is \$75 per person. Discounts are available for employees of the public sector or non-profit organizations.

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

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