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Chief Executives of Two Leading Energy Companies to Present Lectures on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability at May 29th Clinton School Event Co-sponsored by the Arkansas Public Service Commission

(Little Rock) – The Arkansas Public Service Commission and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service are jointly sponsoring a “brown-bag lunch” on Friday, May 29, 2009, at which CenterPoint Energy CEO David McClanahan and American Electric Power CEO Mike Morris will present lectures and respond to questions from the audience. This is the third event of the Commission’s Sustainable Energy Resources Collaborative.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. is the state’s largest natural gas distribution company, with headquarters in Houston, Texas. American Electric Power Co. – one the nation’s largest electric utilities, with operations in 11 states -- is the parent company of Southwestern Electric Power Co. (Swepeco), whose operations in western Arkansas are centered in Fayetteville.

During their lectures, Morris and McClanahan will discuss their companies’ approaches to encouraging energy efficiency and alternative energy resource development and address the initiatives that Congress and the new Administration are undertaking to stimulate the economy, reduce the nation’s carbon footprint, build infrastructure, and reduce dependency on foreign sources of energy.

Attendees are invited to bring a lunch for the event. Details are as follows:

What: Brown-bag lunch (soft drinks and water provided by the Clinton School)
When: Friday, May 29, 2009
Noon - 1:15 p.m.
Where: Clinton School of Public Service
Sturgis Hall on the grounds of the Clinton Presidential Center, Little Rock

The Commission expects that major natural gas and electric utilities and electric cooperatives will be represented at the Collaborative forum, as well as representatives of the Attorney General’s office, the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization, commercial and industrial customers, environmental organizations, low-income advocates, and others who are part of the Commission’s SER Collaborative.

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