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Arkansas Public Service Commission to host nationally-known utility experts Ralph Cavanagh and David K. Owens at March 3rd meeting of the Commission's Sustainable Energy Collaborative

(Little Rock) - The Arkansas Public Service Commission is sponsoring a joint presentation by representatives of a national environmental organization and the nation's investor-owned electric utilities as the opening event of the Arkansas Sustainable Energy Resource (SER) Collaborative. Speaking and responding to questions at the collaborative will be Mr. Ralph Cavanagh, Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council of San Francisco, California, and Mr. David K. Owens, Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the Edison Electric Institute of Washington, D.C.

The event will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in the board room of the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) in Little Rock from 10 a.m. to noon. The AECC's offices are located at 1 Cooperative Way, at the intersection of Interstate 30 and Scott Hamilton Boulevard. The public is invited.

Owens and Cavanagh will speak about the joint efforts of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to promote energy efficiency. Additionally, they will give their perspectives on the initiatives that Congress and the new Administration are undertaking to stimulate the economy, build infrastructure, and encourage energy efficiency and alternative energy resources.

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

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