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U.S. Commerce Secretary to Deliver Keynote Address to "Powering Our Low Carbon Future" Conference

WASHINGTON – U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez will deliver the keynote address at an upcoming energy conference sponsored by the Department on Feb. 5, 2008. The event will examine opportunities and challenges for public/private cooperation to promote increased use of low carbon power generation in the United States and abroad.

The discussion will focus on strengthening the clean energy industries competitiveness primarily in the U.S. and international markets. Speakers and participants will examine President Bush's Advanced Energy Initiative, particularly to increase the use of low carbon technologies to power our future.

WHAT: "Powering Our Low Carbon Future"

WHEN: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

7:30 a.m. Press registration

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Open Press)

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Keynote Address: The Honorable Carlos M.

Gutierrez, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Rotunda Foyer, 8th Floor

OTHER 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. William G. Sutton, CAE, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.),

SPEAKERS: Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, U.S. Department of Commerce.

8:45 a.m. – **9:15 a.m.** Lawrence Makovich, Managing Director, Cambridge Energy Associates, Global Power Group.

1:00 p.m. – **1:15 p.m.** James Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

1:45 p.m. – **3:00 p.m.** Linda Conlin, First Vice President and Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

3:15 p.m. – **4:30 p.m.** Jon Wellinghoff, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Press registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Please enter the Ronald Reagan building from 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue. Only legitimate members of the media with valid credentials will be registered.