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The Indiana Climate Change Dialogue took place in downtown Indianapolis. The program was entitled “Indiana Conference on Energy Management.” Cameron Carter, Vice President of Economic Development and Federal Relations for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, gave the opening remarks, speaking about the importance of a dialogue in understanding the proposed climate change legislation and its effects and effectiveness.

Jim Rogers, Chairman, President and CEO of Duke Energy, provided the opening keynote address. His remarks focused on key facts and issues in the energy and climate debate, particularly how those facts affected his company’s future energy production. Rogers also participated in a lengthy question-and-answer session with the audience following his remarks. Questions ranged from electricity price spikes to nuclear generation to permitting struggles.

Dr. Margo Thorning, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist for the American Council for Capital Formation, and Stephen Seidel, Vice President for Policy Analysis and General Counsel, Pew Center for Global Climate Change, spoke separately, covering the same topic from differing viewpoints: “Climate Change Policy: Cost-effective Strategies for Indiana, the U.S. and the

World.” Dr. Thorning made the point that enacting H.R. 2454 would hinder the U.S. economy without impacting climate change effectively if the same stringent laws did not govern developing countries such as India and China, and telling the audience that the EPA’s Lisa Jackson has admitted that the U.S. acting alone will make no difference in climate change. Mr. Seidel made the counterpoint that the U.S. should be the leader in this area, and that others would follow our good example.

Following these presentations, Cameron Carter moderated a discussion called Indiana Panel: Rising to the Challenge, Powering the Hoosier State for Generations to Come. Dr. Thorning participated along with Stephen Seidel. Also on the panel: Marc Lewis, Vice President, External Affairs, Indiana Michigan Power, a unit of American Electric Power; Ron Christian, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel for Vectren; Ms. Terry E. Hall, a Partner at the law firm of Baker & Daniels LLP; and Steve Rowlan, General Manager of Economic Affairs for Nucor Corporation. The panelists each spoke about their views concerning H.R. 2454, and afterward, Cameron Carter took questions from the audience for the panelists.

Ross Eisenberg, Environment and Energy Counsel for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, gave the luncheon keynote address. His remarks focused on the substance of H.R. 2454, its relative strengths and weaknesses, an analysis of the voting in the House and the bill’s future in the Senate. Eisenberg also focused on the messaging for H.R. 2454—that it will create jobs, transition to a clean green economy, cost a postage stamp per day

Following the luncheon, there were three sets of concurrent sessions set up so that attendees could spend time focusing on their areas of interest with regard to climate change and energy.

The first three sessions began at 1:30 p.m. Indiana Energy Status: A View from 30,000 Feet, was hosted by Doug Gotham, Associate Director, State Utility Forecasting Group, Purdue University. The Natural Gas Market Outlook was hosted by Susannah Hardesty, Manager of Strategic Analysis, ProLiance Energy. The third session, Smart Grid – How It Will Impact the Business Community, was hosted by Earl S. Hill, Loma Consulting.

After a short break, the second set of breakout sessions began at 2:30 p.m. Christine H. Keck, Director of Strategy and Business Development for Renewable Energy in the Energy Systems Group hosted a discussion entitled Performance Contracting: Maximizing Capital Budgets with Guaranteed

Energy Savings. Terry Hall of Baker & Daniels LLP hosted a discussion called Leveraging Indiana's Natural Resources: Business Opportunities in Indiana's Natural Energy Ecosystems. For the third discussion in this session, entitled Advanced Energy Manufacturing, there was a panel discussion moderated by Alex Forman, Ice Miller LLP. Panelists were Paul Mitchell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Energy Systems Network, Greg Winkler, Director, Project Development, Brevini Wind USA Inc, and Robert Kamischke, Chief Financial Officer, EnerDel.

The final set of breakout sessions began at 3:45 p.m., with Paul Jones of Ice Miller LLP leading a discussion entitled Impact of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 for Industry and Energy Users. At the same time, a discussion entitled Overview of Energy Efficiency Improvements (LEED Certification/Green Building) was hosted by Geoff Glanders, President, August Mack Environmental, Inc., and Cameron Smith, LEED AP, Shiel Sexton. Christine Keck, Director of Strategy and Business Development for Renewable Energy with Energy Systems Group led a concurrent discussion called Innovative Sustainable and Renewable Energy Solutions.

The conference adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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ProLiance Energy, LLC
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Richmond Power & Light
Safety Management Group, Inc.
Silgan Containers Corporation
Stewart & Irwin
Syndicate Sales
Templeton Coal Company, Inc.
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
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Vectren
Vertellus Specialties, Inc.