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USCAP Adds Key Leaders in Power and Transport Sectors *Coalition Welcomes Alstom and AES*

Washington, D.C. (July 7, 2009) – The U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP) has expanded its ranks to include two global leaders in power generation. Alstom and AES join the diverse coalition at a critical juncture, as the American Climate and Energy Security Act of 2009 continues to advance in Congress.

By joining USCAP, the new members agree to support the core principles laid out in the 2007 *Call for Action* as well as the detailed climate action plan contained in the 2009 *Blueprint for Legislative Action*, which calls on Congress to enact a cap-and-trade program that is economically sustainable and environmentally effective.

“We share USCAP’s belief that a well designed cap-and-trade approach will unleash investment and innovation across all sectors of our economy and keep America competitive in a low-carbon world,” says Philippe Joubert, President of Alstom Power and Executive Vice President, Alstom, a global leader in energy infrastructure as well as rail transport. “We are delighted to join USCAP as it is a group that shares our commitment to putting forth actionable policies that reflect the scale and urgency of the climate change challenge.”

In addition to its presence in the gas, coal, nuclear, hydro and wind power markets, Alstom is the world leader in high speed rail and the second largest in mass transit trains. This expands USCAP’s representation in the transportation sector, a key industry segment for any effort to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

“Greater certainty on a climate action plan will help the power sector invest in renewable energy technologies and to lower and offset GHG emissions. AES is committed to providing sustainable and affordable power, and we look to groups like USCAP for its leadership in advocating for a national plan,” said Paul Hanrahan, President and Chief Executive Officer of AES.

AES is a global power company with a fuel portfolio that includes coal and natural gas, as well as renewable energy sources like hydro, wind, solar and biomass. The company has also developed GHG emissions offsets for the global and U.S. market.

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USCAP members now include 25 corporations and five environmental NGOs representing a diverse swath of the economy and of the marketplace of ideas on environmental issues. The two new additions represent no net increase in the coalition's total membership, as Marsh Inc. and Xerox Corporation recently exited the group.

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