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**MEDIA ADVISORY:
Energy Leaders Highlight Potential of Natural Gas to Accelerate Transition to a
Low-Carbon Economy at Copenhagen Conference**

Copenhagen, Denmark –The American Clean Skies Foundation (ACSF), the United Nations Foundation (UNF), and the Worldwatch Institute are joining forces during a December 12 forum event at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen to highlight the potential for natural gas to accelerate the world’s transition to a low-carbon economy.

WHAT: “Natural Gas, Renewables and Efficiency: Pathways to a Low-Carbon Economy”

An afternoon forum will feature panels of industry and government experts with the goal of discussing concrete strategies for boosting natural gas’s role in national climate change policies, and to facilitate the introduction of intermittent renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

WHEN: Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 13.30 to 17.30

**WHERE: Danish Society of Engineers (IDA) Building
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, DK-1780 Copenhagen V**

WHY: New sources of unconventional gas make possible the more rapid displacement of oil and coal, while providing power back-up that encourages an accelerated adoption of wind, solar and other intermittent renewables. Compared with coal, natural gas allows a 50-70 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, depending on the application. At the event, the ACSF will release a white paper on the global natural gas boom and its implications for climate action.

WHO: Energy Newsmakers of the Day

- Christopher Flavin, President of Worldwatch Institute
- Vello Kuuskraa, President, Advanced Resources International
- Aubrey K. McClendon, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Chesapeake Energy Corporation; Chairman of the Board, American Clean Skies Foundation
- David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy
- Ian Smale, Group Head, Strategy and Policy, BP

- Senator Timothy Wirth, President, United Nations Foundation

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About the Worldwatch Institute Worldwatch Institute delivers the insights and ideas that empower decision makers to create an environmentally sustainable society that meets human needs. Worldwatch focuses on the 21st century challenges of climate change, resource degradation, population growth, and poverty by developing and disseminating solid data and innovative strategies for achieving a sustainable society. For more information, visit www.worldwatch.org.

About the American Clean Skies Foundation: ACSF (www.cleanskies.org) was founded in 2007 to advance America's energy independence and a cleaner, low-carbon environment through expanded use of natural gas and renewables. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation owns and operates Clean Skies News, a leading Web-based energy and environment news network. Programming is available on demand, 24/7 at www.cleanskies.com.

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