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**AMERICA'S ELECTRIC CO-OPS VOICE
SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ACTION PLAN
FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

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San Francisco – July 31, 2006 – America's electric cooperatives, represented by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Glenn English, today voiced strong support for the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency, calling the plan a crucial component in any effort to contain energy costs and reduce our nation's dependence on foreign fuel.

“This plan recognizes the diverse nature of our nation's energy infrastructure,” said English. “Its goals and recommendations will help guide our industry as we continue to develop innovative programs and technologies to spur conservation and encourage responsible stewardship of our nation's resources.”

Developed by a Leadership Group of over 50 diverse stakeholders and facilitated by the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Action Plan was introduced today during the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) meeting. The National Action Plan represents a joint effort by government, industry and other stakeholders to encourage efficiency, reign in cost, and promote conservation. “The co-chairs cast a wide net and gathered a great deal of good information, said English. “The inclusive nature of their effort is to be

applauded and the results of their labor embraced. By encouraging more efficient use of natural gas and electricity the National Action Plan may help reduce the pace of new power plant construction helping keep costs down for consumers.”

English noted that the electric utility industry has made great strides in improving efficiency in the past 15 years, saving nearly 750 billion kilowatt-hours or enough electricity to power 69 million homes for a year. “By taking action in four specific areas,” he said. “The electric co-ops will continue to increase efficiency and create savings:”

- Fostering the construction of more energy efficient buildings;
- Promoting the development and use of more energy-efficient appliances;
- Accelerating the development and use of advanced electric meters;
- Helping to commercialize fuel efficient, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

NRECA is the national service organization that represents the nation’s more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to more than 39 million people in 47 states.

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