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ACCCE Statement Regarding Unsuccessful Cloture of Boxer-Lieberman-Warner Bill

Alexandria, VA, June 6, 2008 – American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity (ACCCE) President and CEO Steve Miller today issued this statement in response to the Boxer-Lieberman-Warner bill's failure to move forward in the US Senate:

"The failure of the Boxer -Lieberman-Warner bill to move forward in the Senate today drives home three important points.

"First, energy costs play a central role in developing comprehensive, reasonable climate change legislation. Gasoline costs more than \$4 per gallon in many parts of the nation and the budgets of working families and Americans living on low and fixed incomes are taking a big hit from higher energy prices. As global demand for energy surges, these upward price pressures will exist for years to come. Proposed climate legislation must not force consumers to pay unnecessarily higher energy costs.

"Second, any policy addressing climate change is inextricably linked to broader U.S. energy security, economic development, and environmental interests and goals. We have the opportunity to craft a mandatory greenhouse gas reduction bill that will protect America's energy security and our domestic economy. In the end, many senators recognized that the Boxer-Lieberman-Warner bill was not the right legislative vehicle to accomplish these interrelated goals.

"Third, substantial bipartisan support is crucial to enacting comprehensive federal climate legislation. This kind of bipartisan support was vital to passing the Clean Air Act in 1970 and the Clean Air Act amendments in 1990 – and will be equally important to the ultimate passage of climate legislation.

"The Boxer-Lieberman-Warner debate did serve the important function of focusing the attention of Congress and all Americans on the important work ahead of us. We remain committed to supporting a bill that will achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions, preserve fuel diversity as a means of protecting energy security, and ensure access to affordable electricity for American consumers. In the months ahead, ACCCE will work with members of Congress and other policymakers to develop reasonable, effective legislative proposals on this important and complex issue."

About ACCCE

The American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity (ACCCE) is a non-profit, non-partisan partnership of companies involved in producing electricity from coal. Because coal is America's most abundant energy resource, ACCCE supports energy policies that balance coal's vital role in meeting our country's growing need for affordable and reliable electricity with the need to protect the environment. ACCCE also advocates for the development and deployment of advanced clean coal technologies that will produce electricity with near-zero emissions. Headquartered in Alexandria, VA, ACCCE has more than 40 members that represent more than \$190 billion in annual revenues and employ more than 360,000 Americans. For more information, visit www.cleancoalusa.org or www.americaspower.org.

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