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EILEEN CLAUSSEN HONORED AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Women's Council on Energy and the Environment Awards Pew Center President Highest Honor

John Rowe, Chairman and CEO of Exelon Corporation, Honored as WCEE Champion

WASHINGTON, DC (February 22, 2007) –The Women's Council on Energy and the Environment (WCEE) today named Eileen Claussen, President of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Woman of the Year. The organization recognized Claussen for her leadership and accomplishments in supporting practical solutions to global climate change.

"It is indeed an honor to be recognized by such a smart and engaged group of professional women," Ms. Claussen said. "Energy and environment are two of the most critical issues of our time and this award is truly an inspiration to me."

WCEE cited Ms. Claussen's outstanding career in government and the private sector advancing solutions for global climate change and other environmental issues.

"Ms. Claussen is an ideal choice for this year's award. She was instrumental in bringing together a diverse partnership of non-governmental organizations and major corporations, to develop consensus principles which serve as an underpinning for federal legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Christine Tezak, President of WCEE. "Ms. Claussen's leadership has demonstrated that we can bring business interests in line with the concern that many Americans share to protect our environment. This is only the latest in a career of impressive achievements."

Each year WCEE honors a woman in the fields of energy and the environment who has made a particular contribution to the advancement of women. Past honorees include: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Kathleen McGinty, DEP Secretary for the State of Pennsylvania, Shelia Holcum Hollis, Managing Partner, Duane Morris LLP; The Honorable Nora Mead Brownell, FERC Commissioner; Kathryn S. Fuller, World Wildlife Fund President and Chief Executive Officer.

WCEE will also present a Champion Award to John W. Rowe, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Exelon Corporation. The Champion Award recognizes the importance of mentors for women professionals; it is intended to honor those individuals who have championed the advancement of women in who work in the fields of energy and the environment.

"I believe that diversity is good for business. At Exelon, we are determined to attract, retain and advance talented women, and I'm proud that we've made steady progress toward that goal," said Rowe. "We simply cannot realize our ambition to be the best unless we serve all, employ all and identify with all."



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“Mr. Rowe is known throughout the industry for supporting women in the energy field,” said Ms. Tezak. “We are particularly grateful for his long-term commitment to advancing women in their chosen professions within the industry.”

WCEE will give the awards to both honorees at a dinner this evening, February 22, 2007, at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, Washington, D.C.

WCEE is a non-profit, nonpartisan, policy neutral organization whose mission is to provide educational and networking opportunities for professionals in the environmental and energy fields. Members include lawyers, economists, engineers, lobbyists, scientists and other professionals from the private, public and nonprofit sectors. WCEE was founded in 1980.

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