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PREMIER OF QUEBEC TO SPEAK AT GLOBAL ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN BOSTON

Press Conference Friday, November 5, 2004 at 3:15 PM-Colonnade Hotel, Boston

BOSTON, MA—The Premier of Quebec, Mr. Jean Charest, will speak at the 12th annual US-Canada Energy Trade and Technology Conference, held at the Colonnade Hotel in downtown Boston, Friday, November 5th. Members of the press are invited to attend a luncheon in the hotel's Boston Ballroom at 1:00 pm, at which The Premier will discuss the nuances of building cross-border business opportunities and networks in New England and Canada. A press conference will be held at 3:15 pm, immediately following Mr. Charest's speech.

The conference, entitled "North American Energy: A Changing Landscape," will bring together over 200 leading industry and government leaders to assess the major supply, demand and price challenges facing the continent and the Northeast region.

Additional speakers at the conference include Mr. Danny Williams, the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador; Robert Catell, CEO of KeySpan; Brian Frank, President and CEO of BP Canada; and additional high-ranking panelists from the energy, investment, and government sectors.

Among the topics that the conference will address are:

- The conflict between the need for energy infrastructure in the Northeast and the difficulties of siting new facilities
- The outlook for new energy supply development in North America
- The challenges facing oil, electricity and natural gas markets, and the increased focus on other supply options like LNG, nuclear and renewables
- How to balance the competing interests of reliability of service, diversity of supplies, and competitive markets.

The conference is sponsored by The New England-Canada Business Council, Inc. (NECBC), an organization composed of business leaders from a wide range of sectors including banking, law, consulting, energy, and high technology, as well as government and academic officials and individuals with links to Canada. For more information about the conference, please visit www.necbc.org.

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