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State Energy Office Issues 2011 Nebraska Energy Plan

LINCOLN – The state’s Energy Office today released the *2011 Nebraska Energy Plan* which identifies three broad objectives and a series of strategies to achieve those objectives.

“Whether we talk about electricity or motor fuels, energy costs impact business and the daily lives of Nebraskans,” Ginger Willson, Energy Office Director said. “Managing these costs to maximize the benefits to Nebraska families, businesses and communities is vital to economic and energy security.”

According to the Energy Office, over the last decade Nebraska’s total expenditures on energy have more than doubled reaching \$9.1 billion in 2008. “Looking forward to the decades ahead, the costs of delivering affordable and reliable energy to Nebraskans will continue to increase due to factors both within and beyond our control,” Willson said. “Effective management of the costs within our control is a key to maintaining a competitive advantage when it comes to regional energy prices.”

The *2011 Nebraska Energy Plan* provides strategies for the state to consider in meeting three objectives:

Objective: Ensure access to affordable and reliable energy for Nebraskans to use responsibly

- Continue support of Nebraska’s unique public power system
- Increase opportunities for demand-side energy management and energy efficiencies
- Maximize the investment in Nebraska’s coal plants
- Expand Nebraska’s nuclear power generation capacity
- Increase opportunities for industrial and municipal waste-to-energy projects
- Optimize the use of Nebraska’s water resources for hydroelectric power generation
- Improve municipal water and wastewater management strategies and water quality

Objective: Advance implementation and innovation of renewable energy in the state

- Continue building Nebraska’s wind energy through public-private partnerships
- Increase opportunities for methane recovery from agricultural and community biomass resources
- Increase opportunities for woody biomass in Nebraska
- Support distributed generation of renewable technologies

Objective: Reduce petroleum consumption in Nebraska’s transportation sector

- Increase ethanol production, blended and delivered across Nebraska and to markets outside the state
- Increase development and use of other alternative fuels
- Diversify and expand opportunities for renewable diesel in Nebraska

The complete *2011 Nebraska Energy Plan* is at <http://www.neo.ne.gov/Energyplan2011.pdf>

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