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Center for Energy and Environment Receives Carbon Buster Award from Senator Amy Klobuchar

MINNEAPOLIS – August 23, 2007 – Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) was awarded a Carbon Buster Award from Senator Amy Klobuchar for the Minnesota Energy Challenge.

“I was happy to present the Carbon Buster Award to the Center for Energy and Environment for the Minnesota Energy Challenge,” said Senator Klobuchar. “The Minnesota Energy Challenge provides everyone in Minnesota an opportunity to take actions to reduce green house gas emissions. I encourage everyone in Minnesota and all our elected officials to take the Challenge.”

The Carbon Buster Awards are given to innovators-local government, businesses, non-profits, and individuals- who have taken significant steps to lower greenhouse gas emissions in their communities.

CEE developed the Challenge to empower Minnesotans to take simple steps to reduce their energy use and Minnesota’s CO2 emissions. The Minnesota Energy Challenge educates people about the actions they can take so they understand how easy it is for all of us to do our part. It’s about individuals taking actions to reduce their own use and then empowering their neighbors, friends and employers to do the same.

“Senator Klobuchar’s concern and commitments to global warming solutions makes receiving this award especially gratifying,” said Sheldon Strom, executive director of CEE.

Individuals can go to the Energy Challenge website (www.mnenergychallenge.org); calculate their current energy use and carbon output; and then pledge to take simple energy-

saving actions that also save money. The Energy Challenge is also available to businesses, local governments, schools, churches and others.

As of today, over 5,800 Minnesota residents and businesses have taken the Challenge and pledged to avoid over 74.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide and save over \$5.1 million annually!

Center for Energy and Environment is a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis. CEE was established in 1979 and is the leading nonprofit resource on energy efficiency and financing opportunities in the state.

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