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**Media Advisory**

WHO: Las Brisas Energy Center

WHAT: Company Statement

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) today issued an air permit for Las Brisas Energy Center. This is an important project milestone as the long planned electric generation plant in Corpus Christi, TX moves forward. Las Brisas will be a 1300 megawatt electric generating unit and provide affordable low cost electricity for the South Texas region, enough to power approximately one million homes.

“We’re looking forward to starting the construction phase of the project and encouraging economic development throughout the area. The \$3.2 billion project will bring many benefits to the region, including creating jobs and generating additional power to fuel economic growth,” said Las Brisas Managing Partner John Upchurch. LBEC will provide more than 3,900 high paying construction jobs with an economic benefit of more than \$2.7 billion during the five-year construction period and 75-100 new permanent direct and indirect jobs with salaries totaling \$60 million over the first 10 years of plant operation. The project will add over \$400 million in property taxes over the next ten years including \$240 million to the Corpus Christi Independent School District. Construction will commence in 2011 and the plant will begin commercial operation in 2015.

“Las Brisas will bring a tremendous economic boost to our local economy. We look forward to the project moving forward,” said Foster Edwards, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce President.

The permit issued today places emissions limits on Las Brisas Energy Center that are lower than any other solid fuel fired power plant in the state of Texas. The power station will use environmentally advanced pollution control technology to drastically reduce emissions as compared to conventional coal plants. The overall environmental impact from LBEC will be among the most strictly regulated of any power generating unit, with the lowest emissions in Texas for key pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxides, filterable particulate matters, carbon monoxide and mercury.

As with all other major industrial facilities, Las Brisas may now be subject to permitting for greenhouse gases by EPA. Las Brisas will employ Best Available Control Technology for greenhouse gases, satisfying all EPA proposed requirements.

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