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### **Chicago Climate Futures Exchange and WilderShares Announce Agreement to Launch Futures on WilderHill Clean Energy Index (ECO)**

(CHICAGO– March 14, 2007) Chicago Climate Futures Exchange (CCFE), a wholly owned subsidiary of Chicago Climate Exchange<sup>®</sup> Inc. (CCX<sup>®</sup>) and WilderShares LLC have entered into a licensing agreement to launch a futures market on WilderHill Clean Energy Index (ECO). WilderShares LLC is a provider of innovative indices for the clean energy and environmental sectors.

The WilderHill Clean Energy Index was the first US index comprised of companies with a focus on clean energy and pollution prevention. The ECO index, a modified equal dollar weighted index, tracks the clean energy sector through publicly traded companies which stand to benefit substantially from a societal transition toward alternatives such as wind power, solar, ethanol, energy efficiency, and fuel cells. Stocks and sector weightings within the WilderHill Clean Energy Index are based on their significance for clean energy, technological influence and relevance to preventing pollution, with an emphasis on ecological and economic sustainability. As of February 2007, the ECO index was comprised of 42 stocks of US listed companies whose market capitalization was over \$200 million. The index is calculated by the American Stock Exchange (Amex<sup>®</sup>) and disseminated through the Network of the Consolidated Tape Association.

Since 2005 Chicago based asset management firm Powershares Capital Management LLC has had an AMEX listed Exchange Traded Fund based on the ECO Index: the Powershares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (Ticker: PBW).

“The licensing agreement on ECO index with WilderShares LLC signals our continued commitment to creating new innovative markets in the environmental space,” said Dr. Richard Sandor, Chairman and CEO of CCX. “CCFE-ECO Index futures, the first stock index futures to be listed on CCFE, will allow the financial community interested in the clean energy space to diversify their risks of investing in renewable companies while tapping into the growing popularity of this sector.”

“We’re delighted to partner with CCX to bring this cutting-edge futures product to the environmental finance arena, one that allows investors to participate in emerging clean energy with new diversification and in ways unheard of even a few years ago,” said Dr. Rob Wilder, CEO of WilderShares LLC and Manager of ECO.

"The Chicago Climate Exchange is playing an important and unique role in the global effort to integrate worthwhile conservation and business goals", said Josh "Hill"Landess of First Energy Research, LLC, who worked closely with the CCX and CCFE to evaluate and achieve a futures product on the ECO Index.

More information on WilderHill Clean Energy Index (ECO) including index construction and a complete list of components is available online at: <http://www.wildershires.com/index.php>. Information on the Powershares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio ETF on Amex (AMEX Ticker: PBW) that tracks the index (ECO) is available on the AMEX website at: <http://www.amex.com/>

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#### **About Chicago Climate Exchange, Inc. and Chicago Climate Futures Exchange**

CCX is a self-regulatory exchange that provides an electronic marketplace for trading environmental products. CCX administers the world's first multi-national and multi-sector marketplace for reducing and trading greenhouse gas emissions under legally binding commitments. The Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCX, offers standardized and cleared futures contracts for Sulfur Financial Instruments and has recently announced a futures market for USEPA Nitrous Oxide emissions allowances. CCX and CCFE are wholly owned subsidiary of Climate Exchange Plc (LSE: [CLE](#)), a public company listed on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange. Climate Exchange Plc also owns the European Climate Exchange, Europe's leading CO2 emissions exchange. For more information, please see [www.chicagoclimateexchange.com](http://www.chicagoclimateexchange.com).

#### **About WilderShares LLC**

WilderShares LLC is a provider of innovative indices for the clean energy and environmental sectors. They are creator of the original WilderHill Index (ECO), which is the first Index to define and track the Clean Energy sector, specifically, businesses that stand to benefit substantially from a societal transition towards use of cleaner energy and conservation. <http://wildershires.com> Dr. Rob Wilder, the CEO of WilderShares LLC, is also a co-manager of the more recent WilderHill New Energy Global Innovation Index (NEX) capturing clean energy worldwide and primarily outside the United States, and manager of the WilderHill Progressive Energy Index (WHPRO) for decarbonizing fossil fuels and the dominant energy portrait today.

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