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### **Chicago Climate Exchange<sup>®</sup> Issues Statement on Passage of American Clean Energy and Security Act**

**(CHICAGO – June 29, 2009)** Chairman and Founder of the Chicago Climate Exchange Inc.<sup>®</sup> Dr. Richard L. Sandor issued the following statement today on House passage of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009:

“The Chicago Climate Exchange appreciates the hard work put in by Chairmen Waxman, Markey, Peterson and others to pass this important legislation. This bill is a great first step for creating green jobs, reducing carbon emissions and securing America’s energy independence. It recognizes the valuable role a market mechanism can play in achieving emissions reduction goals at least cost to consumers.

“As the process moves forward CCX stands ready to provide input based on the insights gained through years of practical experience built by CCX’s diverse group of industrial, governmental, academic and nonprofit members, verifiers, and expert advisors. The thousands of individuals who have been implementing rules-based carbon audits, reduction and trading in CCX since 2003 offer a national resource that can help assure successful policy and American leadership.”

#### **About Chicago Climate Exchange and Chicago Climate Futures Exchange**

CCX is an Exchange whose objectives are to apply financial innovation and incentives to advance social, environmental and economic goals. CCX, which began trading in 2003, is the world’s first and North America’s only legally binding, rules-based greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading system, as well as the world’s only global system for emissions trading based on all six greenhouse gases. CCX members are leaders in greenhouse gas management and mitigation, including offset providers and offset aggregators, and located throughout the United States. CCX members derive from all sectors of the global economy, including the public sector, and emissions reductions being achieved through CCX by major utilities, corporations, cities, states and counties, are the only reductions in North America being achieved through a legally binding compliance regime, subject to independent third party verification provided by FINRA and price transparency. The founder, Chairman and CEO of CCX is economist and financial innovator Dr. Richard L. Sandor, who was named a Hero of the Planet by Time magazine in 2002 for his founding of CCX, and in 2007 as the “father of carbon trading.”

Chicago Climate Futures Exchange (CCFE), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chicago Climate Exchange, is a CFTC designated contract market which offers standardized and cleared futures and options contracts on emission allowances and other environmental products. Clearing services are provided by The Clearing Corporation, the only active independent futures clearinghouse in the world. Market surveillance services are provided by the National Futures Association, the industry wide, self-regulatory organization for the U.S. futures industry.

CCX, a U.S. corporation, launched its trading platform in 2003. In 2005, CCX launched the European Climate Exchange (ECX), now the leading exchange operating in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme. Since 2006, both CCX and ECX have been owned by Climate Exchange plc, a publicly traded company listed on the AIM division of the London Stock Exchange (CLE.L).