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**Report: Energy Efficiency Enhancement to Clean Energy Legislation Equals More Money and Jobs for Utah**

*Results show that the average Utah household will save \$315 dollars per year from energy efficiency alone*

**Salt Lake City, UT** – A report being released today by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), finds that if energy efficiency provisions of the House-passed American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES) are enacted, the average Utah household would save \$261 per year in energy costs, while proposed improvements to ACES would increase those savings to \$315 per year. *A Utah factsheet is included as a separate attachment.*

The report, entitled *Energy Efficiency in the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009: Impacts of Current Provisions and Opportunities to Enhance the Legislation*, is being released today across the nation and provides a state-by-state analysis of benefits to be gained from the energy efficiency provisions in ACES.

The report focuses on benefits achieved from the energy efficiency provisions currently included in the bill and goes a step further by analyzing proposed improvements to those provisions and providing data on the resulting added benefits. "Energy efficiency is the cheapest, cleanest, smartest and most readily available source of American energy—we just have to tap into its full potential. This report underscores opportunities to do just that," explained Sarah Wright, Executive Director of Utah Clean Energy.

The study finds that by enhancing the current energy efficiency provisions in ACES, 6,000 new and sustainable jobs in the state of Utah could be created (up from 4,200 jobs from the current provisions). "The cost-effective energy efficiency provisions analyzed by ACEEE would save even more money and create an additional 1,800 careers for Utah in 2020 over what was already passed by the House. These energy and cost savings can be realized through technologies that are available today," comments Kevin Emerson, Energy Efficiency Program Associate for Utah Clean Energy.

The report analyzes consumer savings and carbon reduction that would result from improvements to the legislation. Utah's consumers could expect to save \$275 million annually if ACEEE's proposed changes were made.

Nationally, ACEEE's suggested policy improvements would generate more than 569,000 clean energy jobs and save the average household \$283 per year by 2020. These policy improvements would result in 48 percent more jobs and 32 percent more consumer savings than the efficiency measures in the House passed bill. In addition these improvements would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 480 million metric tons in 2020, equivalent to taking over 87 million cars off the road for a year.

"Over the next decade, energy efficiency programs are expected to reduce the utility bills paid by consumers and businesses by about \$400 million. Strengthening the energy efficiency provisions in the ACES Act, as suggested by ACEEE, will lead to even greater energy savings and lower energy bills for Utah homeowners," said Howard Geller, Executive Director of the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) a regional public interest organization that collaborates with utilities, state agencies, local governments and businesses to advance energy efficiency in the Southwest.

The full report can be downloaded at <http://www.aceee.org/pubs/e096.htm>.

### **About Utah Clean Energy**

Utah Clean Energy is a non-profit public interest organization partnering to build the new clean energy economy through policy, regulatory, and educational initiatives. Utah Clean Energy advances renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean energy technologies in Utah and the West. [www.utahcleanenergy.org](http://www.utahcleanenergy.org)

### **About ACEEE**

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient America (ACEEE) is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency as a means of promoting economic prosperity, energy security, and environmental protection. For more information, see <http://www.aceee.org>.

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