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Dr. Patrick Moore Touts Benefits of Nuclear Power in Arkansas Addresses Clinton School of Public Service, Meets with State Leaders

(October 26, 2010 - Little Rock, Ark). - Dr. Patrick Moore, Co-Chair of the CASEnergy Coalition and Co-Founder of Greenpeace, spoke at the Clinton School of Public Service last night to express his advocacy of nuclear power generation. Moore, who is known as the “sensible environmentalist,” talked about the need to increase nuclear energy in the United States and praised Entergy Arkansas for being a leader in nuclear power.

Both Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville and Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Port Gibson, Miss., provide 70 percent of power to Entergy customers in Arkansas.

“I hope the people of Arkansas understand what a powerful resource they have through nuclear energy,” said Moore. “Nuclear energy is helping stabilize their electricity costs, preserve Arkansas’ splendid natural resources, and provide a bright future for all. I applaud Entergy Arkansas for their environmentally-responsible energy portfolio, with nuclear providing its customers with 70 percent of their electricity from this low-cost, emissions-free source. Nuclear energy is by far the nation’s largest source of electricity that does not produce greenhouse gases or other pollutants.”

The public policy organization Progress Arkansas welcomed Dr. Moore to Little Rock where he is also meeting with Entergy Arkansas’ Low-Income Advocates, addressing a business leaders’ luncheon at the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce and meeting with key state government leaders who are interested in environmental policy.

Moore said that nuclear energy produces more than 70 percent of the emissions-free electricity in the U.S. - 72 percent of all clean energy produced in Arkansas - providing a reliable source of clean energy for homes and businesses. He explained that this 24/7 energy source serves as the base-load power in a clean energy portfolio which includes the expansion of renewable sources such as solar and wind. The 11 million metric tons of carbon dioxide that Arkansas Nuclear One helped avoid last year was the equivalent of taking 543,000 passenger cars off of Arkansas roads - more than half of those registered in the state.

About Progress Arkansas: Established in October 2008 under the leadership of Chairman Bob Lamb, Progress Arkansas is a coalition of business and community leaders dedicated to moving Arkansas forward. The mission is to build consensus and support for economic, energy and environmental policies that will facilitate growth and prosperity of Arkansas.