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DOE Announces Confirmation of Presidential Appointees

WASHINGTON, DC — The Department of Energy announced today that the United States Senate has confirmed key presidential nominees to the department.

"I am pleased and excited about those who will be joining me here at the Energy Department. Each of them will serve as a vital part of DOE's commitment to helping Americans deal with the energy crisis as well as securing our energy future," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said.

Among those confirmed are Francis Blake, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Robert Card, Under Secretary of Energy; Bruce Carnes, Chief Financial Officer; David Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, General Counsel.

Following are short biographies on each individual.

Francis S. Blake, Deputy Secretary of Energy

Blake is the former Senior Vice President of Corporate Business Development at General Electric where he served since 1991. Before joining GE, he was a Partner with Swidler, Berlin, Shereff, Friedman, LLP in Washington, D.C., and served as General Counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency from 1985 to 1988. He served as Deputy Counsel to Vice President George H.W. Bush from 1981 to 1983. A resident of Connecticut, he is a graduate of Harvard University and Columbia University School of Law.

Robert Gordon Card, Under Secretary of Energy

Card is the past President and CEO of Kaiser-Hill Company in Colorado, and was previously Executive Vice President of CH2M Hill Inc. A native of Yakima, Washington, he is a graduate of the University of Washington and received his Master's degree in Environmental and Civil Engineering from Stanford University.

Bruce Marshall Carnes, Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy

Carnes was most recently the Deputy Director of Defense Financing and Accounting Services at the Department of Defense (DOD) and was awarded the DOD Exemplary Civilian Service Award. He served as the Director of Planning, Budget and Administration at the Office of National Drug Control Policy from 1989 to 1993 and was Deputy Under Secretary of Education from 1985 to 1988. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado and received both a Master's degree and Ph.D. from Indiana University.

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David Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Garman is the former Chief of Staff to Senator Frank Murkowski and served as a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee from 1995 to 1998. He is a graduate of Duke University and received a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, General Counsel at the Department of Energy

Otis is the past Chief Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration. In the past she has served in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice from 1984 to 1986 and thereafter as an Associate Counsel to President George H.W. Bush. In addition, she has served as an Assistant Professor at George Mason University Law School and as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law School. She is a graduate of Yale University and received her law degree from the University of Chicago.
