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**Gov. Rell Announces CT One of 31 States Forming  
*Climate Registry* to Track Greenhouse Gases**  
*Historic efforts by states to combat climate change continue*

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that Connecticut has signed on as a charter member of the *Climate Registry*, a new organization that will measure and track emissions of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) linked to climate change.

Governor Rell said a total of 31 states, two Canadian provinces and a tribal nation have formed the *Climate Registry*, which will provide a measurement and reporting infrastructure to support programs – consistent across borders and industry sectors – aimed at reducing GHG emissions. The Registry will accept reporting data in January 2008.

"State governments across the nation continue to take positive action to address climate change - which is the major environmental challenge of our era," Governor Rell said. "The diverse and bipartisan group of states signing on to the *Climate Registry* shows that we are serious about putting the proper mechanism in place to measure and track Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions."

"This historic milestone establishes a critical and credible 'common currency' that will help us succeed as we move forward with efforts to reduce these emissions," the Governor said. "I am especially proud that Connecticut is both a founder of the *Climate Registry* and one of the original states in the Northeast to sign the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)."

Connecticut Department of Environmental Commissioner Gina McCarthy said, "Under Governor Rell, Connecticut has built a record of strong action to combat climate change. Committing our state as a charter member of the *Climate Registry* is another example of the Governor's commitment to this cause. The formation of the *Climate Registry* strengthens our ability to implement the RGGI agreement and will make it possible for us to take additional actions in the future to reduce harmful Greenhouse Gas emissions."

In a statement released today, Pfizer - a major Connecticut employer and a company that has been active in efforts to reduce GHG emissions – spoke in support of the Climate Registry. Carol Casazza Herman, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer Global Environment, Health and Safety, said, "Pfizer supports Connecticut and other members of the Carbon Registry for their leadership in establishing a common greenhouse gas emissions reporting system that will provide a uniform and transparent registry to verify early actions to reduce greenhouse gases.

## Charter States

The list of charter members includes 31 states that represent more than 70 percent of the nation's population. The states are:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The Campo Kumeyaay Nation is also a charter member and two Canadian provinces, British Columbia and Manitoba, have also committed to participate.

## Background on the Climate Registry

*The Climate Registry* is a tool to measure, track, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions accurately, transparently and consistently across industry sectors and state borders. It will also help track allocations and reductions for state regulatory programs.

*The Climate Registry* is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Directors made up of state and tribal representatives. Governors and Environmental Secretaries from member states and tribes joined the organization by signing on to a Statement of Principles and Goals and designating a representative to the organization's Board of Directors.

Corporations, state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions and non profit groups are all invited to report emissions under the voluntary program. Various states may also have specific sources and facilities required to report under state regulatory programs. In the future, offset reduction projects are also likely to be reported in *The Climate Registry*.

*The Climate Registry* builds off the success of the California Climate Action Registry. This voluntary greenhouse gas registry has operated since 2001 with over 240 members that comprise leading multi-national corporations, state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions and environmental non-profits. The California Registry has certified over 320 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions (roughly the annual emissions of Brazil).

*The Climate Registry* was incorporated in Washington, D.C. in March 2007. It is anticipated that there will be several regional offices throughout the country. Initially, the California Climate Action Registry will provide administrative and reporting infrastructure support. NESCAUM will also be part of starting up the new Registry, and it is likely that LADCO, WRAP and other associations of states will assist too.

Further information is available at [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org).

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