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**Appointment of Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams  
to Federal Advisory Post Applauded**

*Texas Gains Voice with U.S. Energy Secretary on National Coal Policy*

AUSTIN, Texas – The state of Texas now has an important voice on federal energy issues following the appointment today of Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams to the National Coal Council (NCC).

“Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams has earned national acclaim for his leadership on clean coal technology issues, and his appointment to The National Coal Council is recognition of that leadership,” said Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas Chairman Gary Gibbs, adding, “Foundation members applaud Commissioner Williams’ work to advance clean energy solutions for Texas, including his commitment to finding coal-based solutions for our energy needs.”

The National Coal Council provides continuing advice to the U.S. Secretary of Energy on general policy matters relating to coal, including:

- Review of federal policies affecting the production, marketing and use of coal.
- Advice on plans and strategies to address more effectively the technological, regulatory and social issues relating to coal production and use.
- Advice on scientific and engineering aspects of coal technologies, including emerging coal conversion, utilization or environmental control concepts.
- Advice on the progress of coal research and development pursuant to the Office of Coal Research Act.

“The appointment of Commissioner Williams to this important federal advisory committee means Texas will have a voice when national energy issues are being decided and funded. Commissioner Williams has already proven to be a powerful advocate for clean, affordable energy in Texas and I am convinced he will have a major impact with this national board,” Gibbs said.

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*The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas is a non-profit organization formed in early 2004 to support the activities of the Governor’s Clean Coal Technology Council. Foundation members include: TXU Power, American Electric Power (AEP), The North American Coal Corporation, Westmoreland Coal Company, Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED), Sempra Energy, Praxair, Inc. and Lower Colorado River Authority.*