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Low Carbon Obligation could help develop CCS in the UK

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) has supported suggestions by Professor Dieter Helm, in a report for Policy Exchange (*Credible Energy Policy - Meeting the challenges of security of supply and climate change*), that carbon capture and storage (CCS), alongside nuclear and renewables could be included as part of a Low Carbon Obligation.

The Low Carbon Obligation would exceed the current scope of the existing Renewables Obligation for electricity suppliers to source 15.4% of the electricity they supply from renewable sources by 2015, in an effort to tackle climate change.

Jeff Chapman, Chief Executive of the CCSA commented:

“We will need all the tools in the box to tackle climate change. A Low Carbon Obligation could be a useful tool in putting us on course for deep cuts in power generation emissions.

“To meet our target for an 80% emissions reduction by 2050 we need to decarbonise our energy supply; with fossil fuels remaining the backbone of our energy generation we can't do this without carbon capture and storage.

“A Low Carbon Obligation would incentivise the development of low carbon technologies in the UK, including CCS”.

“The detail of a Low Carbon Obligation mechanism is extremely important for it to be effective; the CCSA looks forward to discussing the details of the Obligation with policy makers”.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy
2. "*Credible Energy Policy - Meeting the challenges of security of supply and climate change*" authored by Professor Dieter Helm, a leading environmental and energy economist, will be published on Dec 10th 2008 by Policy Exchange. (Report is embargoed until 10th December 2008)

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