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Governor Bill Richardson Named to NGA Leadership Post

Governor to Serve as Vice Chair of Natural Resources Committee

(Santa Fe, NM) – Governor Bill Richardson was today named Vice Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA) Natural Resources Committee. Utah Governor Jon Huntsman will serve as chair.

The NGA Natural Resources Committee is charged with pursuing legislation to make sure state needs are considered as federal policy is formulated in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental protection and natural resource management.

“I look forward to working with Governor Huntsman to ensure that state voices are heard in Washington on the key issues of energy, natural resources and the environment,” said Governor Richardson. “This appointment is another reflection on how New Mexico is becoming the nation’s Clean Energy State. Our investments in American-made clean, renewable energy sources like wind, solar and ethanol are creating jobs, improving national security and keeping our air and water clean.”

The NGA is the collective voice of the nation’s governors. It provides governors with services that range from representing states on Capitol Hill and before the administration to developing policy reports on innovative state programs.

“States are leading the way on policy innovation, creating jobs, balancing budgets and protecting the environment,” incoming Chair of the National Governors Association, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano said. “Governor Richardson is a national leader on clean and renewable energy and his expertise will serve the NGA well.”