THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Office of Public Affairs

ADVISORY: Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future to Hold 1st Meeting on Thursday and Friday

Washington, D.C. – On Thursday, March 25th and Friday, March 26th, the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, co-chaired by former Congressman Lee Hamilton and former National Security Advisor General Brent Scowcroft, will hold its first meeting in Washington, D.C.

At the direction of President Obama, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu established the Blue Ribbon Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle and to provide recommendations for developing a safe, long-term solution to managing the Nation's used nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The meeting is open to the press and the public. Press interested in attending the meeting should RSVP to Katinka.Podmaniczky@hq.doe.gov. Space is limited and credentials will be given on a first come, first serve basis on site.

The meeting will be webcast live. Additional information will be available regarding the webcast via the Department of Energy website at www.energy.gov.

The meeting's agenda can be found here.

Secretary Chu will deliver opening remarks on the first day of the meeting. The Commission co-chairs will hold a media availability at the conclusion of the meeting.

Details of the meeting are:

WHAT: First Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future

WHEN: Thursday, March 25, 2010

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT

*Secretary Chu to deliver opening comments at 11:10 AM EDT

Friday, March 26, 2010 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

*Congressman Hamilton and General Scowcroft to hold a media availability following the conclusion of the meeting.

WHERE: Willard Intercontinental Hotel – Grand Ballroom 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004

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