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CARLOS AGUILAR NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FOR BRIGHTSOURCE ENERGY

Aguilar to Lead BrightSource Energy's U.S. and International Development Efforts

(Oakland, CA) January 26, 2010 – BrightSource Energy, developer of large-scale solar thermal power plants, announced today that Carlos Aguilar has been named senior vice president of global development, effective immediately. In this role, he will oversee and manage the company's U.S. and international development efforts, including siting, transmission, power purchasing agreements, and strategic partnerships.

"Carlos' unique combination of financial, operational, and engineering experience makes him an ideal fit for our team as we continue executing on our U.S. projects and further engage with international markets," noted John Woolard, President and CEO of BrightSource Energy. "We look forward to his many contributions as we continue to build our global business with a world-class team and partners."

Dr. Aguilar brings more than two decades of experience in international development, operations and finance to his role at BrightSource Energy. Most recently, he served as Principal Vice President for Bechtel Power Corporation working on US fossil power projects. While at Bechtel, Dr. Aguilar also served as Principal Vice President & Managing Director of Bechtel Enterprises; President of Bechtel Financing Services; Chief Operating Officer of United Infrastructure Company, Bechtel's civil infrastructure investment vehicle; President of Bechtel de Mexico and Managing Director of Bechtel Enterprises Latin America. Dr. Aguilar is also a former member of the U.S. Export-Import Bank's Board of Advisors. Previous experience includes Regional Operations Manager and Chief Engineer and Environmental Officer for the Inter-American Investment Corporation, and management roles with Costa Rica's Investment Board.

Dr. Aguilar holds a Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Technological Economics from Stirling University in Scotland, as well a B.Sc.E. in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science from Duke University.

“It’s truly an honor to be joining the BrightSource Energy team,” said Dr. Aguilar. “With decades of experience in solar thermal power plant development, its market-leading technology and world-class team, BrightSource Energy is setting the bar in the solar thermal industry.”

Under Dr. Aguilar’s guidance, BrightSource Energy is actively developing sites throughout the U.S. southwest to help meet its 2,600 megawatts under contract with PG&E and Southern California Edison. The first site, the Ivanpah Solar Energy Generating System located in southeastern California, is currently undergoing an environmental permitting process with the California Energy Commission and the Bureau of Land Management.

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About BrightSource Energy, Inc.

BrightSource Energy, Inc. provides clean, reliable and low cost solar energy for utility and industrial companies worldwide. The BrightSource Energy team combines nearly three decades of experience designing, building and operating the world’s largest solar energy plants with world-class project development capabilities. The company now has contracted to sell more than 2.6 gigawatts of power to be generated using its proprietary solar thermal technology. BrightSource Energy’s solar plants are designed to minimize their impact on the environment and help customers reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. Headquartered in Oakland, Calif., BrightSource Energy is a privately held company with operations in the United States and Israel. To learn more about BrightSource Energy and solar thermal energy, visit www.brightsourceenergy.com.