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### Coalition Offers Plan to Accelerate Adoption of Plug-In Electric Vehicles

A coalition of automakers, electric utilities, environmental groups, state officials, and the Department of Energy on March 13 outlined joint recommendations for accelerating the adoption of plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) nationwide. The PEV Dialogue Group, convened last year by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), presented its recommendations at a Washington, D.C. event.

The group's report, An Action Plan to Integrate Plug-in Electric Vehicles with the U.S. Electrical Grid, provides a roadmap for coordinated public and private sector action to ensure that PEV owners can conveniently plug in their cars without overtaxing the grid. It recommends steps to ensure compatible regulatory approaches nationwide, balance public and private investments in charging infrastructure, and better inform consumers about PEVs. Over the coming months, C2ES will support DOE-funded Clean Cities coalitions working in dozens of communities across the country to develop local PEV deployment plans.

C2ES will work with the PEV Dialogue Group and others to promote implementation of its plan. Nearly 18,000 PEVs were sold in the United States last year; over the next year or two, all of the major automakers plan to have models on the road. Some PEVs such as the Nissan Leaf rely entirely on battery power, while the Chevy Volt and others have backup engines to extend their driving ranges. Broad deployment of PEVs, which use little or no gasoline, can significantly reduce U.S. reliance on imported oil and curb harmful tailpipe emissions.

### Electricity Pricing Areas – Mar 27, 2012

**April**

On-Peak	Per kWh
Cinergy	\$0.02818
PJM West	\$0.03445

### ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Mar 1- Mar 31, 2011	\$0.03668
April 1 - April 30	\$0.03448
May 1- May 31	\$0.03954
June 1 - June 30	\$0.03851
July 1 thru July 31	\$0.05170
Aug 1 - Aug 31	\$0.04064
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$0.03058
Oct 1- Oct 31	\$0.02968
Nov 1- Nov 30	\$0.02816
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$0.02971
Jan 1 -Jan 31	\$0.03043
Feb 1-Feb 29	\$0.02963
Mar 1 thru Mar 26	\$0.02921

**Weather Today:** Windy with a mix of clouds and sun. A stray thunderstorm is possible. High 69F. Winds S at 25 to 35 mph. **Tonight:** A stray thunderstorm is possible through the evening. Partly cloudy. Low 54F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph. **Wed:** A mainly sunny sky. High 67F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. **Tomorrow night:** Clear skies. Low near 40F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph. **Thu:** Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s. **Fri:** Thundershowers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s. **Sat:** Cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

