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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Silver, Smart Energy Initiative Project Manager at the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700 x 275.

CEO Audrey Zibelman of Grid-Smart, LLC will speak at Smart Energy Partnership event at Economic Development Council

Meeting takes place on Wednesday, February 20, 2008

EXTON _ The Chester County Economic Development Council is hosting a meeting of the Smart Energy Partnership featuring **Audrey Zibelman, Chief Executive Officer of Grid-Smart, LLC.**

Zibelman will discuss the formation of the participatory energy network, its role in the development of energy efficiency, regional opportunities, and grid-smart personal energy management products.

Zibelman has more than 25 years of utility experience in both public and private sectors. She is a former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of PJM Interconnection. She is an internationally recognized expert on smart grid opportunities and applications.

The event takes place on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at the Chester County Economic Development Council at 737 Constitution Drive, Exton. Networking begins at 2:30 p.m., the business meeting is at 3:00 p.m. and the keynote address is scheduled for 3:45 p.m.

Reservations are required. For information contact Leslie Holmes of the Economic Development Council at lholfmes@cceconomicdevelopment.com

The Smart Energy Initiative is a program sponsored by the Chester County Economic Development Council in collaboration with PennFuture, the Workforce Investment Boards of the five southeastern Pennsylvania counties, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania, DVIRC, PA CareerLink, The Sustainable Development Fund and PPL.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.