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New bylaws allow Canadian GeoExchange Coalition to become more industry driven
New board of directors takes the helm

Montréal, September 15, 2006 – At its annual general meeting on September 13th, Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) members adopted a resolution to amend the corporation's bylaws so that CGC could move forward with its transformation into a more inclusive organization representative of all industry stakeholders.

"As we have said many times in the past, this election is an important step forward toward a complete transformation of the CGC," said Executive Director, Denis Tanguay. "Electric utilities have directed the CGC until now, but the time has come to gradually share the reigns with other industry stakeholders," he added.

Once approved by Industry Canada, the new bylaws will match the new membership structure. Over the past year, CGC has been rapidly adding members from energy distribution companies, equipment manufacturers and distributors, system designers, system installers, financial, legal and other industry support services, research centers, academic institutions, building owners and facilities managers, as well as industrial and professional associations.

"These new consolidated bylaws reflect the desire of the CGC to unite the industry and allow all categories of stakeholders to have a voice on the board of directors, while ensuring that no one member category has a single majority on the board. This will encourage frank and honest discussion within the industry," said Mr. Tanguay. The formal transformation of the CGC will conclude next year when a full board of 15 people will be elected.

A new board of directors was also elected during the meeting, with new members reflecting the association's diverse and growing membership. Following today's elections, industry representatives Brian Park, P.C.I. Geothermal (Alberta), Richard Schafer, The Regional Municipality of Peel (Ontario), Claude Agouri, President of Airtechni (Québec), and Patrick Lambert, BMA GéoÉnergie (Québec) have joined some of the original founding utilities on the board.

The composition of the new board of directors is as follows:

Chairman	Lloyd Kuczek	Manitoba Hydro (Manitoba)
Vice-Chairman	Claude Agouri	AirTechni (Québec)
Treasurer	Derek Henriques	BC Hydro (British Columbia)
Secretary	Patrick Lambert	BMA GéoÉnergie (Québec)
Member	Brian Park	P.C.I. Geothermal (Alberta)
Member	David Morrison	Yukon Energy (Yukon)
Member	Richard Schafer	The Regional Municipality of Peel (Ontario)
Member	Denis Parent	Hydro-Québec (Québec)

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