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JESSE WADHAMS LEADS DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF ENERGY AT 2008 NEVADA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION MEETING *NREA Annual Meeting Oct. 1 – 3, Pahrump, Nev.*

RENO, Nev. (Sept. 30, 2008) – Jones Vargas attorney and lobbyist for the Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA), Jesse Wadhams, is set to moderate a discussion among state politicians Friday, Oct. 3 regarding the future of energy in Nevada. Wadhams leads the legislative panel, consisting of Senator Mike McGinness and Assemblymen Ed Goedhart and Pete Goicoechea, in discussing energy policy, climate change, and energy generation and transmission in rural Nevada in light of the upcoming legislative session.

The NREA is a group of nine private, electric co-ops that are owned by the members they serve. The private co-ops are often affected by issues that impinge on the primary power companies in Nevada: Sierra Pacific Power Company and Nevada Power. During the two-hour session, policy makers will discuss their positions on the future direction of power policy in Nevada, with a special emphasis on rural areas.

"The hope for this session is that the Senator and Assemblymen will clarify where they stand on the future of power in our state and set forth the issues that will be important during the 2009 legislative session," said Wadhams. "Climate change; generation and transmission; these are issues that need to be addressed and the NREA meeting is a great forum to get the conversation started."

Mr. Wadhams is a member of Jones Vargas' government relations practice group. In addition to his work with the NREA, Mr. Wadhams also appears before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. He holds a Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Santa Clara University. He is admitted to practice before the state courts of Nevada, California and the District of Columbia.

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