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HOUSTON, April 10, 2006 -- The Committee of Chief Risk Officers (CCRO) held its annual meeting in Washington DC on April 5, 2006. William Hederman, former Director of the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations at the FERC and current Executive Director of the Energy Resources Group at the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, was the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony and dinner. Mike Prokop, Senior Vice President, Amerex Group of Companies, received the CCRO Key Contributor Award for his work on the recently released white paper titled "Market Clearing in the Energy Industry." Amerex remains the only broker represented within the CCRO and one of the largest contributing brokers to the NYMEX ClearPort Clearing platform. The "Market Clearing in the Energy Industry" white paper is available to the public on the CCRO website <http://www.ccro.org>.

About the CCRO

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