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Energy Systems Names New President and COO

OMAHA, NEB., AUG. 15, 2011 – Energy Systems Co. is pleased to announce that it has named Richard J. Distler the company's president and chief operating officer. Distler replaces Dave Woods, who is retiring after a successful 43-year career with the company.

Distler was most recently pre-construction director with McCarthy Building Co. in Arizona. Earlier he served McCarthy as a project manager, directing several major water treatment projects. He has extensive construction and engineering experience; has overseen large budgets and project administration; and has been responsible for customer, community and government relations.

Although previously based in Phoenix, Distler is no stranger to Omaha or Energy Systems Co. In the early 2000s, Distler was the project manager for Energy Systems' \$20 million California Street Plant, which was put into service to provide heating and cooling for the CenturyLink (formerly Qwest) Center and the Hilton Omaha. The project included both plant and piping construction.

"We are thrilled to bring Rich back to Omaha, where his vast experience will help Energy Systems continue to improve service and energy efficiency," said Todd Johnson, chairman and CEO of Energy Systems. "He has a broad skill set that will serve our company and our customers well. He appreciates the engineering and construction side, but values customer relationships and customer service. To ensure a smooth transition, Dave Woods is sharing his invaluable wealth of knowledge and introducing Rich to our customers." Woods will remain with the company until his retirement.

Distler stepped into his new position in late June and is pleased with the move. "I am very excited to be back in Omaha, and even more excited to be working for a company that has such a strong commitment to its customers and the city of Omaha," said Distler. "I look forward to becoming a part of the great downtown Omaha business community."

About Energy Systems Co. Founded in 1968, Energy Systems Co. is a district energy company that provides heating and cooling service to customer buildings in downtown Omaha. The company's three district energy plants produce steam and chilled water that are piped to 64 customers (80 buildings). Energy Systems was named "system of the year" by the International District Energy Association in 1994. The company's service attributes include reliability, economy, flexibility and no-demand-charge billing. For more information, visit www.esc-omaha.com.

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