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STATES' ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TOPIC OF IOGCC ANNUAL MEETING: CONTROVERSIAL AUTHOR TO HIGHLIGHT MONDAY'S MEETING IN LITTLE ROCK

OKLAHOMA CITY — Bjørn Lomborg, former Greenpeace activist and author of "The Skeptical Environmentalist: Measuring the Real State of the World," will address nearly 200 oil and gas producers, state and federal regulators and government officials at the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's (IOGCC) Annual Meeting Dec. 16 at The Peabody Hotel in downtown Little Rock. The meeting, themed "States: Leading Environmental Responsibility," is sure to provoke ideas and discussion about global environmental and energy issues.

A professor at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, Lomborg once held what he calls "left-wing Greenpeace views." Now, the Danish statistician challenges widely-held beliefs that the global environment is progressively getting worse and criticizes the way many environmental organizations make selective and misleading use of scientific data to influence decisions about the allocation of limited resources.

Lomborg will be on hand following the presentation to sign copies of his book, "The Skeptical Environmentalist," which will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Others confirmed to address the IOGCC's Annual Meeting include: James Slutz, deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy; Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, 2002 IOGCC chairman; 2003 IOGCC Chairman Gov. John Hoeven of North Dakota; former Arkansas Gov. Sid McMath who served as IOGCC chairman in 1952; and U.S. Rep. John Boozman of Arkansas.

For more information or to reserve your seat to cover this exciting event, contact the IOGCC at (405) 525-3556 or visit www.iogcc.state.ok.us. Registration is complimentary for members of the media.

The IOGCC, representing the governors of 30 member states and seven associate states, promotes the conservation and efficient recovery of domestic oil and natural gas resources while protecting health, safety and the environment. Established by the member states' governors in 1935, it is among the oldest and largest interstate compacts in the nation.

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