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**U.S. Energy Services Hires Michael Auger as General Counsel**  
*New position is a result of company growth and changing industry dynamics*

MINNEAPOLIS (December 14, 2009) – U.S. Energy Services, a Minneapolis-based energy management company, today announced it has hired Michael Auger to serve as the company’s general counsel. As general counsel, Auger will manage all legal issues for the company, including regulatory compliance and intellectual property issues, and will provide guidance to U.S. Energy Services’ executive team.

This new position at U.S. Energy Services was created as a result of the company’s growth and the increasing complexities of the energy industry.

Prior to joining U.S. Energy Services, Auger was an associate at Schleck & Associates PA, where he represented corporations in all facets of law including employment, commercial litigation, contract and financial services. Auger’s previous experience includes serving as general counsel for DWS Inc. and as an associate for Black, Moore, Bumgardner, Magnussen Ltd.

“We are thrilled to have Michael join our dedicated staff and look forward to utilizing his expertise,” said Todd Overgard, U.S. Energy Services executive vice president of corporate operations. “His impressive background and legal knowledge make him an important asset to our team and our clients.”

Auger received his juris doctorate from Rutgers School of Law-Camden and earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota.

**About U.S. Energy Services**

U.S. Energy Services, based in Minneapolis, offers a portfolio of energy management services, including supply procurement and management, price risk management, plant site development, information services and renewable energy. Specifically, it offers gas and electric supply procurement, nominations, physical and financial hedging, tariff analysis and optimization, energy accounting, bill verification and online reporting of usage and costs.

Since 1993, U.S. Energy Services has maintained a large and diversified client base with locations across the United States. The company has offices in Minneapolis, Kansas City, Louisville and

Omaha, Neb. For more information visit [www.usenergyservices.com](http://www.usenergyservices.com).

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