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LIGHTS! CAMERA! ENERGY! CITY'S FIRST ENERGY SOLUTIONS FILM FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK

NEW ORLEANS – The city's first film festival devoted to energy solutions will occur at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6 through Friday, Nov. 10 at Stone Auditorium, Tulane University.

Three local nonprofit organizations – the Alliance for Affordable Energy, Gulf Restoration Network, and the Sierra Club – are sponsoring the five nights of movies, which are free of charge to the public.

“We hope the community will come out to see these important and entertaining films,” says Micah Walker Parkin, program director, Alliance for Affordable Energy. “The Energy Solutions Film Fest will show people the many solutions that exist to tackle the serious problems of global warming and our society's dependence on fossil fuels.”

“We've put together a dynamic mix of films including acclaimed documentaries like ‘Kilowatt Ours’, and the HBO special ‘Too Hot Not to Handle’ as well as the TBS global warming comedy ‘Earth to America’ and animated shorts,” says Paula Cannon, vice chair of the New Orleans Group of the Sierra Club.

“Even though New Orleans is in the bull's-eye for the impacts of our climate crisis, we want this event to go beyond gloom and doom and offer hope and solutions that we can work together to put in place,” says Aaron Viles, campaign director, Gulf Restoration Network.

The Energy Solutions Film Festival will include the following:

Monday, Nov. 6 – “Too Hot Not to Handle”

A primer on global warming, this HBO documentary features contributions from leading scientists in the field and shows how businesses, local governments, and citizens are taking positive actions to reduce global warming emissions. (90 minutes) **Website:**

www.hbo.com/docs/programs/toohot/index.html

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – “Rising Waters”

Through personal stories of Pacific Islanders, this film puts a human face on the international climate change debate by showing the viewers the physical and cultural impacts caused by global warming. (57 minutes) **Website:** www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/rw.html

Wednesday, Nov. 8 – “Power Shift”

Narrated by Cameron Diaz. Power Shift explores the remarkable ways energy touches our daily lives. Meet activists from around the world and learn personal action steps you can take to reduce global warming. (26 minutes) **Website:** <http://www.goworldlink.com/main.html>

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Shorts

“Hurricanes on the Brink”

A short film on the possible link between global warming and the increase in sea surface temperatures and the increase in number and intensity of hurricanes. Details the past several hurricane seasons intercut with experts in climatology and global warming. (40 minutes) **Website:** <http://www.onthebrink.org/about.html>

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“Earth to America”

This hilarious special celebrates life on Earth by taking aim at one of our planet's most serious problems: global warming, and features comedy luminaries such as Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Ben Stiller and Jack Black, as well as Tom Hanks, Robert Kennedy, Jr., and nearly a dozen others. (90 minutes) **Website:** <http://www.lauriedavid.com/press.htm>

Friday, Nov. 10 – “Kilowatt Ours”

Filmmaker Jeff Barrie takes viewers on a journey from the coal mines of West Virginia to the solar panel fields of Florida, as he discovers solutions to America's energy related problems. (38 minutes) **Website:** www.kilowattours.org

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The Sierra Club's 750,000 members work together to protect communities and the planet. The Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. The Delta (Louisiana) chapter of the Sierra Club is made up of five groups including the New Orleans group, has more than 2,200 members and has been active in local conservation projects for more than 30 years. For more information, contact the organization's website: www.louisiana.sierraclub.org.

The Gulf Restoration Network is a diverse network of individuals and local, regional and national groups committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the resources of the Gulf Coast region. Founded in 1994, GRN has members in all five Gulf states. GRN plays a pivotal role in providing members with the technical assistance, Gulf-wide strategic collaboration,

and campaign support needed to successfully address environmental threats in their communities. For more information, visit: <http://healthygulf.org>.

The Alliance for Affordable Energy is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to creating fair, affordable and environmentally responsible energy policies for Louisiana and the nation. Founded in 1985 in New Orleans, the Alliance conducts community education campaigns on energy issues, helps citizens and businesses become more energy efficient, and promotes sustainable energy policy solutions. The organization's mission has evolved to cover the gamut of energy issues affecting citizens from reducing energy bills to being the state's lead organizer in the fight to stop global warming. www.all4energy.org.