

## ***Energy Policy Thinking Differently: Business & Energy Use***

Announcement of UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy seminar on new ideas for tackling business energy use.

The UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy (UKBCSE) will be hosting the first in a series of policy seminars intended to showcase and debate new thinking in energy policy, on 26 January 2006.

The starting point for our first seminar this year will be new proposals from the Carbon Trust for tackling business energy use, which formed a major input into the Climate Change Programme Review.

The business and public sectors are responsible for more than one-third of UK carbon emissions, and the proposals are designed to be a cost-effective and business-friendly way of filling the 'policy gap' for tackling this sector. Specifically, they include a mandatory trading scheme for larger organisations that fall outside the EU ETS.

Representatives from business groups such as the British Retail Consortium and the Institute of Directors, as well as from a range of major British companies such as BAA and Shell UK will be attending the seminar to debate the proposals in more detail.

Michael Grubb, Chief Economist for the Carbon Trust, along with James Wilde, Associate Director of Strategy, will introduce the proposals. David Green, Chief Executive of UKBCSE will then chair a wider discussion on the issues raised.

Although primarily intended for a business audience, representatives from NGOs and the policy community have also been invited. The event is invitation-only, however if you are interested in attending, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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