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**Summit Blue Consulting, LLC Appoints New Chief Executive Officer**

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**Boulder, Co.**

Summit Blue Consulting, LLC (Summit Blue), a leading provider of utility and energy consulting services, announced that its Board of Managers appointed Mr. Kevin Cooney as the Chief Executive Officer starting September 15, 2006. For the last two years, Mr. Cooney has served on the firm's Board of Managers and has led the electric utility and natural resource consulting practice. Mr. Cooney succeeds Dr. Daniel Violette in the CEO role.

"The other Board members and I are very pleased to make this announcement," said Dr. Violette. "Mr. Cooney is an outstanding leader and his comprehensive understanding of the energy industry's issues and needs will drive the future of our business." Dr. Violette will continue to direct the firm's strategy practice and will continue to serve on the Board of Managers.

Mr. Cooney said "this is a great opportunity to work with smart, motivated people doing meaningful work. My responsibility is to make sure Summit Blue has the resources and support required to deliver the highest quality analyses to our clients. I look forward to the challenges of guiding the efforts of Summit Blue's diverse technical staff as the company continues to grow in the years to come." Mr. Cooney will continue to be active in directing client assignments and will be supported in his role as CEO by the firm's Board of Managers.

Mr. Cooney held a series of influential management positions at leading firms in the industry before joining Summit Blue. He served as Vice President of Research at E Source, an internationally recognized company in energy end-use technology and market assessments. He also led an energy engineering practice at Hagler Bailly Consulting and a research group for Johnson Controls.

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Founded in 2000, **Summit Blue Consulting, LLC** is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado with satellite offices in Walnut Creek, California and Chicago – along with additional staff located in Toronto, Vermont, and the Midwest. Summit Blue provides professional consulting services to utilities, energy companies and regulatory bodies across North America and internationally. Practice areas include demand-side and supply-side planning; resource assessment and valuation; energy efficiency program design, implementation, and evaluation; load management and demand response; and regulatory support.