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## **APEGGA Announces New President, Executive and Council**

**Calgary** – Jim Beckett, P.Eng., was sworn into office as the 90<sup>th</sup> president of The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) at the association's 2009 Annual General Meeting held in Calgary on April 25.

Beckett has been employed by the ATCO Group of Companies for 35 years. As Executive Vice-President, Regulatory, and Chief Regulatory Officer, he develops regulatory strategy for the utility companies of the group. Beckett, a graduate of the University of Alberta, obtained his B.Sc. in electrical engineering in 1973. He previously held a number of management positions within ATCO Electric and its predecessor Alberta Power.

"I am proud to be a member of APEGGA and consider it a privilege to be the president of an organization with such a reputation for excellence in leadership," says Beckett, "I am confident that APEGGA will endure as a leader as we continue to navigate through these challenging economic times."

Beckett leads APEGGA's new executive committee which includes president-elect, Kim Farwell, (Ms) P.Eng., vice-president, Dick Walters, P.Eng., past-president, Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol., and executive director and registrar, Neil Windsor, P.Eng.

The remaining council includes newly-elected Karen Henry, P.Eng., John Hogg, P.Geol. for a second term, Dr. Ken Porteous, P.Eng., and Colin Yeo, P.Geol. Councillors continuing in office are: Mary Ann Byrd, P.Eng., Kevin Cumming, P.Eng., Dr. James Gilliland, P.Eng., Dr. Ron Hinds, P.Geoph., Leah Lawrence, P.Eng., Shawn Morrison, P.Eng., Anne Simpson, P.Eng., and John Van der Put, P.Eng. They are joined by appointed public members Gary Campbell, QC, Al Scherbarth, CMA, and Arlene Strom, LLB.

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association's more than 54,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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Note: photos of council members are available.

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