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## **Paso Robles-Based Delta Liquid Energy Exec Re-Appointed to National Propane Council Board**

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (May 29, 2007) - **William Platz, president and CEO of Paso Robles-based Delta Liquid Energy**, has been re-appointed to serve on the prestigious board of the national Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) for a three-year term. Board members are volunteers who meet quarterly and oversee a budget of more than \$45.1 million. Platz will serve on the 21-member board representing the Western region of the United States.

"On behalf of the members of the Western Propane Gas Association, I would like to congratulate Bill on his re-appointment to the Propane Education & Research Council board," said Lesley Brown Garland, vice president of the Western Propane Gas Association. "Bill is truly dedicated to the propane industry, giving his time and expertise not only to PERC but also to our association, where he serves on the board of directors."

The Propane Education & Research Council was formed in 1996 after a referendum was passed by Congress allowing the council to charge an assessment of up to five-tenths a cent per gallon of odorized propane sold to industry participants. With this funding, the Council has committed itself to a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to improve consumer and employee safety, to fund research and development of new and more efficient propane equipment, and to expand public awareness of propane and its many uses and environmental advantages.

"PERC is dedicated to educating consumers on the benefits of using propane, promoting the safe use of propane and developing new products that use propane," said Platz. "We can see the results of our collective efforts right here in San Luis Obispo County. One of our products, the 'Batchen Stinger' is currently being tested at the Cal Poly State University Agriculture Department. The Stinger is a commercial weed-control implement that uses steam to kill weeds in vineyards and other organic crop applications. This device holds the potential to significantly reduce the need for chemical herbicides. We also recently donated a low-emission, propane-powered shuttle bus to Glacier National Park through one of our vehicle development projects, in order to demonstrate propane as a viable transportation fuel." said Platz.

Platz is a native of Atascadero, Calif., graduating from Atascadero High School and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif., with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology. He has worked in the family business, Delta Liquid Energy, since 1986.

Delta Liquid Energy is a third-generation, family-owned and operated propane business headquartered in Paso Robles, Calif. The company manages nine service facilities throughout California.

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