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**Eastern Selects CL&P's Necci
as 2007–2008 Business Executive in Residence**

Willimantic, CT -- On Oct. 29, Eastern Connecticut State University held a luncheon in honor of Raymond P. Necci, president and chief operating officer of the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and the Yankee Gas Service Company, in recognition of Necci's selection as Eastern's Distinguished Business Executive in Residence for the 2007-2008 academic year. CL&P and Yankee Gas are Connecticut's largest electric utility and natural gas companies, respectively.

As part of his residency, Necci will return to campus periodically throughout the year to share his thoughts on the business world and the energy industry with Eastern students.

"Ray Necci is clearly a leader in his company and in the energy industry," said Eastern President Elsa M. Nuñez, in presenting the business executive with a plaque in honor of his selection. "The support and guidance Mr. Necci and CL&P have provided Eastern in its conservation efforts have created a longstanding partnership for which we are very proud. This special connection to our campus community, in addition to his business expertise, makes Mr. Ray Necci a role model for Eastern students and an excellent choice as Distinguished Business Executive in Residence for this academic year."

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Necci received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York's Maritime College, and earned his MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a registered professional engineer.

Since joining Northeast Utilities in 1976, Necci has served in a number of capacities in the nuclear energy field as well as in other positions. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Atomic Power Company, serves on the Board of the United Way of the Capital Area, and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

CL&P has been involved with Eastern's energy stewardship program for many years. In 2001, the company contributed \$500,000 to help establish Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy, which today is providing leadership in assisting state and municipal officials across Connecticut and New England in improving energy efficiency.

This past spring, Necci also presented Eastern with a check for \$270,000 to assist the University in creating a unique, campuswide Energy Management System that uses electric sub-metering and computer monitors in each building to track and display energy consumption. Students can actually see the results of their conservation efforts in dormitories and classrooms.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.