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### ***Dennard Rupp Gray & Easterly, LLC Names Anne Pearson Vincent Senior Vice President***

HOUSTON & SAN ANTONIO – October 16, 2006 – Dennard Rupp Gray & Easterly, LLC (DRG<sup>&E</sup>), a leading provider of advanced investor relations counsel and innovative analytical services for public and private companies, today announced that Anne Pearson Vincent has joined the firm as Senior Vice President, *IR Counsel*<sup>®</sup>.

Mrs. Vincent, who will be based in San Antonio, brings more than 13 years of experience in Investor Relations and Financial Communications and over a decade of experience in financial journalism. Prior to joining DRG<sup>&E</sup>, she provided financial communications and IR counsel and support onsite to AT&T Inc. as a senior vice president with Fleishman Hillard International.

Before joining AT&T, Mrs. Vincent managed financial communications for Anadarko Petroleum and earlier served as investor relations manager for the former Mitchell Energy & Development, now owned by Devon Energy. A former financial journalist, she also covered the international energy industry for The Houston Chronicle under the byline Anne Pearson.

Ken Dennard, co-founder and managing partner of DRG<sup>&E</sup>, stated, “We are very pleased to welcome Anne to the firm. She brings extensive investor relations and financial communications experience with both large and small companies to her new role at DRG<sup>&E</sup>. As we expand our human capital to better serve our clients, attracting experienced professionals like Anne is critical to our continued success.”

Stephen Gray, co-founder and CEO, added, “For the past several years, DRG<sup>&E</sup> has been pioneering the next generation of best practices in investor relations services from the traditional agency model to a more transparent and compliance-based model created by the combination of proactive investor relations and superior analytical services. The addition of Anne Vincent to DRG<sup>&E</sup> demonstrates our commitment to provide discernible value-added investor relations and analytical services to clients.”

## ***About DRG<sup>&E</sup>***

Dennard Rupp Gray & Easterly, LLC, headquartered in Houston with offices in Atlanta; New Haven, Connecticut, and now San Antonio, provides a full range of investor relations and analytical services, financial media communications services and strategic counsel to enhance the visibility, transparency and credibility of its clients within the investment and business communities.

DRG<sup>&E</sup> expanded its traditional *IR Counsel*<sup>®</sup> in 2002 by introducing *InsideOutlook*<sup>®</sup>, a ground-breaking service staffed by experienced former sell-side research analysts. *InsideOutlook* provides public companies unprecedented 24/7 access to experienced analysts who assist clients in developing enhanced public disclosures that increase operational and financial transparency, build management credibility, and help clients effectively communicate the correct message to the investment community. DRG<sup>&E</sup> continues to innovate with the recent addition of its IR<sup>2</sup> service under its InsideOutlook umbrella. With its former sell side analysts, IR<sup>2</sup> provides companies with high-level, custom consulting services as well as quarterly deliverables (“Direct Report”) that further leverage its Wall Street experience and analytical capabilities.

Since inception in 1997, DRG<sup>&E</sup> has contracted with over 70 companies and currently represents over 30 public and private companies totaling over \$29 billion in cumulative revenues, over \$22 billion in cumulative market capitalization and an aggregate workforce of over 72,000 employees. For more information regarding DRG<sup>&E</sup> clients or its services, visit the website at <http://www.drg-e.com> or call 713-529-6600.

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