



Candidates to speak on energy

Five will attend N.H. global warming event

By **Karen Dandurant**

kdandurant@seacoastonline.com

October 12, 2007 6:00 AM

PORTSMOUTH — Five presidential candidates will be among the speakers at a global warming conference in Manchester today, outlining their energy plans.

Portsmouth-based environmental group Clean Air-Cool Planet is the event organizer. The conference begins today and will end on Saturday. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel

Bill Richardson, John McCain, Mike Huckabee, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich will join Gov. John Lynch, local and federal environmental groups and climate-solution industry leaders to review the status of global warming and discussing solutions.

Bill Burtis, communications manager for Clean Air-Cool Planet said the event offers a forum to examine the different solutions to global warming, particularly in the Northeast,

"We start with an update and briefing on the latest science," Burtis said. "We will review state and federal policy options — what's on the table now in Congress, in the states. We will discuss the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Representatives from corporations in the region, specialists in carbon management, will look at what is the corporate pieces for things such as renewable energy solutions. We'll look at the broad energy picture and discuss nuclear energy."

Burtis said all Republican and Democratic candidates were invited to participate.

"We wanted to offer the candidates an opportunity to talk to New Hampshire and the nation at large," Burtis said. "We want to hear their views and solutions."

More than 500 people have already registered online. Burtis said he thinks the online registration is now closed but people can still come to the event and sign up at the door.

Burtis said Manchester was chosen as the host city for the conference because it is a rallying point for the primary.

"We wanted to hold the event in a place that the candidates, policy makers and pundits are familiar with," he said.

Anyone interested in attending can view the program for the event online at http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/conference_GWS07/program.php.