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**BLANK ROME, GT POWER GROUP FORM STRATEGIC ALLIANCE TO PROVIDE  
LEGAL AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SERVICES TO ENERGY INDUSTRY**

Philadelphia – June 4, 2007 – Today’s global energy industry is in a near constant state of change, impacted by regulatory, economic and political issues in the U.S. and around the world that raise new and complex challenges for energy providers and consumers alike. With this situation in mind, Blank Rome today announced a strategic alliance with GT Power Group, a King of Prussia-based firm which crafts regulatory, political and legal strategies for electric, telecommunications, natural gas and water companies across the country. Through their partnership, the companies will work together to provide a full suite of legal, public affairs and strategic communications services to companies throughout the energy industry.

Currently, Blank Rome’s national energy practice provides a full spectrum of legal and government affairs services to electric and gas companies. The firm’s experience with energy and utility companies, and the regulatory environment in which they operate, provides a unique understanding of the needs of the industry and how legal and lobbying resources can work together to advance business goals. GT Power Group is a newly-formed venture led by Glen Thomas, a former partner with Blank Rome and former chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Focusing on the development of regulatory, political and legal strategies, the group will work with companies in all facets of the energy industry.

“As the energy industry continues to be significantly impacted by factors including deregulation, price fluctuation, consolidation and privatization and environmental controls, we are thrilled to enter into this strategic alliance,” said Carl M. Buchholz, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Blank Rome. “This partnership brings together both companies’ unique strengths in government relations, the law and strategic communications, all of which will bring added value for current and future clients. Additionally, it strengthens Blank Rome’s already established energy practice, giving clients access to an additional, specialized resource.”

“To compete and win in today’s energy markets, a different type of representation is required – one that combines a deep knowledge of the law with the regulatory and political insights that lead to success,” said Glen Thomas, President of GT Power Group. “Clients will be the ultimate winners from the Blank Rome – GT Power Group strategic alliance as they realize how this powerful combination produces the results they desire.”

### **About GT Power Group**

GT Power Group crafts regulatory, political and legal strategies for electric, telecommunications, natural gas and water companies throughout the country. The firm is led by Glen Thomas, former Commissioner and Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and a recognized leader on issues surrounding competitive utility markets. Prior to serving on the Commission, Mr. Thomas worked as a policy advisor to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge on energy and environmental issues. He is also a former partner at the law firm of Blank Rome. Mr. Thomas can be contacted at (610) 768 – 8080 or [gthomas@gtpowergroup.com](mailto:gthomas@gtpowergroup.com).

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