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Dear Mr. Avallone:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in the conference *Accelerate Successful Capital Raising in the Energy Markets: Strategies and Tools that Drive Opportunity for Small and Medium Sized Companies* held in Washington, DC on October 2 - 3, 2008.

Your involvement was invaluable in making our initial conference a success. The participants appreciated the information they received from your presentation and the ability to converse and network with the other attendees. We know the time spent preparing for the conference and presenting took time from your busy schedule and the success of the conference was due to the involvement of all the wonderful and talented presenters.

Again, thank you very much and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

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