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## **T. BOONE PICKENS TO HOST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE E-RALLY WITH SIERRA CLUB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARL POPE**

**October 6, 2008, DALLAS** - T. Boone Pickens, 50-year oil and gas industry leader, will host what hopes to be the largest online rally of Americans concerned about their energy future during Tuesday night's second Presidential Debate between U.S. Senators Barack Obama and John McCain.

Carl Pope, Sierra Club Executive Director, will be Pickens' co-host.

Together they will discuss the candidates' debate responses on the critical energy issues, take live questions, and give participants a chance to say what they can do to push their political leaders to action.

In two days, more than 40,000 Americans have RSVP'd to participate in the e-Rally on [www.PickensPlan.com](http://www.PickensPlan.com). More than 1,000 questions have already been submitted in anticipation of Tuesday's discussion.

Pickens will present the questions and comments of the e-Rally participants within 48 hours to both the McCain and Obama campaigns.

"This online e-Rally is a way for everyday Americans to do something about this problem the escalating dependence on foreign oil and that threatens our national and economic security. I am glad to have Carl Pope, one of the first allies of the Pickens Plan, co-hosting this important session."

"The last seven presidents have collectively failed to come up with a plan to solve America's growing dependence on foreign oil and the problem is only getting worse," Pickens said. "This is why I am calling on the next president to take decisive action and enact a comprehensive energy plan within the first 100 days of taking office."

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to join Boone in this important conversation with the American people," Pope said. "He has come up with a real way to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil by using cleaner, renewable forms of alternative energy such as wind, solar and natural gas and I support his plan. But in order for the Pickens Plan to be successful, Congress and the next President will have to act swiftly in passing a true energy reform package. ."

Pope was among the first supporters to officially endorse the Pickens Plan when it launched July 8, 2008.

**WHO:** T. Boone Pickens, 50-year oil and gas developer and Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope

**WHAT:** Energy Independence e-Rally

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 7th, 2008  
10 p.m. EDT

**WHERE:** [www.PickensPlan.com](http://www.PickensPlan.com)

More than 750,000 people have joined the Pickens Army through the website, which has had over 9,000,000 hits. For more information on Pickens Plan, visit [www.PickensPlan.com](http://www.PickensPlan.com).

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