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### **SIGMA ANNOUNCES SPRING CONVENTION SPEAKERS** *Featuring Industry Leaders from Tesoro and Valero*

**WASHINGTON**, February 24, 2006 – The Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) proudly announced on Friday the featured speakers of the 2006 Spring Convention General Session, rolling out the red carpet for Valero Energy Corporation CEO Bill Klesse and Tesoro Corporation Vice President & Chief Economist Lynn Westfall.

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, **Klesse** and **Westfall** will address their industry colleagues at the Business Meeting and General Session armed with information and opinions on U.S. motor fuel supply and demand.

San Antonio is home to Valero—the largest independent refining company in the U.S.—and many petroleum industry followers eagerly anticipate hearing Klesse’s vision for the industry’s future, including an international venture for Valero.

Other speakers slated for the 2006 Spring Convention include: Gordon Schremp, California Energy Commission; Sam Susser, Susser Holdings, LLC; Joe Leto, Energy Analysts International; Elaine Levin, Morgan Stanley; and Tim Weiman, Eco-Energy.

The SIGMA Spring Convention will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, Texas at the Westin La Cantera Resort. For more information, visit SIGMA’s web site at <http://www.sigma.org> or call (703) 709-7000.

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