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***FutureGen Alliance Announces new Cooperative Agreement with U.S.
Department of Energy***

Washington, D.C. — The FutureGen Alliance and the U.S. Department of Energy today signed a Cooperative Agreement allowing for the continued development of a cutting edge, low emissions coal-fueled power plant in Mattoon, Ill. The announcement was made by FutureGen Alliance Chief Executive Officer Michael Mudd and DOE Undersecretary Kristina Johnson in the future home to FutureGen, Mattoon, Ill.

“Today marks another milestone in the development of FutureGen. This agreement clearly signals our shared interest in realizing the potential of generating clean energy in Illinois,” said Mudd. “This milestone has been achieved thanks to the important support we continue to receive from champions like Undersecretary Johnson, Governor Quinn, Senator Durbin and countless state and local officials whose contributions have helped push this important project forward, as well as the continued commitment of the Alliance member companies.”

The \$17.3 million shared-cost Cooperative Agreement covers preliminary design activities through the end of 2009 in support of the long-term project. Under the Agreement, the Alliance will work with DOE and other partners to continue electric grid interconnect studies, work on securing environmental permits, define alliance operational activities and update plant design and project cost estimates. Following these activities, the Alliance and DOE will make a decision on taking the project forward to final design and construction in early 2010.

“This signifies a new beginning for our coordinated efforts to bring FutureGen to Illinois and underscores the commitment of all involved to making this project a reality. We will continue to do all we can on the state level to ensure this first-of-its-kind facility is built in Illinois,” said Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Warren Ribley. ”

The FutureGen facility in Mattoon, Ill. will be the first of its kind, low-emissions coal power plant, testing and proving coal gasification and carbon capture and sequestration technology in a single, 275 megawatt commercial-scale facility. The public-private partnership project will initially capture at least 60 percent of carbon dioxide emissions with the goal of capturing 90 percent in the first years of operation.

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