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FutureGen Alliance Elects New Chairman of the Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The FutureGen Alliance announced today that its board of directors has elected Steven Winberg of CONSOL Energy Inc., as its next chairman of the board. Winberg replaces outgoing chairman Paul Thompson, whose term has ended.

“Under Paul’s leadership, the Alliance weathered some rocky political storms, but because of his contributions FutureGen is back on track with a renewed partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy,” said Winberg. “It is an honor to assume this position at such a critical juncture in the process, and I’m looking forward to continuing the good work Paul, his predecessors and our colleagues have all done to date to realize this historic project that will revolutionize the power industry.”

The FutureGen Alliance, along with the Energy Department, this week announced the signing of a new Cooperative Agreement, to cover preliminary design activities in support of the long-term project.

“The next several months represent a critical time in the realization of FutureGen’s goal to build and operate the facility in Mattoon, Ill,” said FutureGen Alliance Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Mudd. “Steve’s background in energy R&D provides a perfect fit for the Alliance as we enter discussions with DOE and come to agreement on a final facility design that will reduce costs and technical risks. I look forward to working with Steve and the DOE to reach these goals and to break ground on the facility in 2010.”

Winberg is the vice president for CONSOL Energy Inc. Research & Development and has over 30 years of experience in the energy industry, ranging from power generation equipment design and installation to use of innovative fuels. He began his career with Foster Wheeler as a start-up engineer on coal-fired utility boilers and spent 14 years in the natural gas industry working on various environmental issues including co-firing, re-burn, and natural gas compressor compliance. Winberg has a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from SUNY Maritime College and an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Additionally, Chris Ellefson of BHP Billiton will serve as vice chair. Thompson, a senior vice president of energy services at E.ON U.S., will continue to serve on the Alliance Board of Directors.

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