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E.ON U.S. Joins FutureGen Alliance

WASHINGTON, October 31– The FutureGen Alliance today announced that E.ON. U.S., a leading diversified energy provider in the Midwest, has joined the non-profit consortium of global electric utilities and coal companies working with the U.S. Department of Energy to site and develop FutureGen, a first-of-a-kind coal-fueled power plant with near-zero emissions.

E.ON U.S. becomes the eleventh member of the Alliance, which is facilitating design, construction and operation of this near-zero coal-fueled power plant that will generate electricity by hydrogen-driven turbines and will capture and permanently store carbon dioxide deep underground.

“As a prominent, leading U.S. utility, E.ON's decision to join the FutureGen Alliance clearly demonstrates the value of this project,” said FutureGen Alliance Chairman Dr. Charles Goodman, Senior Vice President of Generation Policy for Southern Company. “E.ON's membership will add to our strength and help us fulfill our goal of developing a technology-based solution to climate change concerns.”

E.ON U.S., headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a subsidiary of E.ON A.G., the world's largest investor-owned energy services provider. E.ON U.S. is a diversified energy services company that owns and operates Louisville Gas and Electric Company, a regulated utility that serves 321,000 natural gas and 394,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties, and Kentucky Utilities Company, a regulated electric utility in Lexington, Ky., that serves 525,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia.

“FutureGen is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when groups pull together for a common cause,” said Vic Staffieri, Chairman, CEO and President, E.ON U.S. “This Alliance is comprised of some of the world's leaders in coal and energy, and we're proud to join them in this venture.”

Four candidate sites are in the running to host FutureGen – two in Texas and two in Illinois. The U.S. Department of Energy is reviewing the candidate sites in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act prior to the Alliance's selection of a final site by late-summer 2007.

The FutureGen Alliance represents some of the world's largest coal companies and electric utilities including: American Electric Power, Anglo American, BHP Billiton, the China Huaneng Group, CONSOL Energy Inc., Foundation Coal, Rio Tinto Energy America, Peabody Energy, PPL Corporation, and Southern Company. The Alliance is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy to design and build the facility.

These companies provide energy to tens of millions of residential, business, and industrial customers in Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, the People's Republic of China, South Africa and the United States, among other regions.

For more information visit FutureGenAlliance.org.

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