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***FutureGen Alliance Elects Michael J. Mudd Chief Executive Officer
Mudd Brings Joint Government, Industry Power Plant Development Experience to Post***



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The FutureGen Alliance announced today that its board of directors has elected Michael J. (Mike) Mudd to serve as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Alliance, which is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop, construct and operate the FutureGen plant. This is a first-of-its-kind coal-fueled power plant with near-zero emissions that will produce hydrogen and capture and permanently store carbon dioxide deep underground.

“Mike has been the driving force in guiding the Alliance in his role as Acting CEO through a complex process of site selection, environmental review and stakeholder outreach activities that will ultimately lead to final site selection next fall,” said Dr. Charles Goodman, Chairman of the FutureGen Alliance. “Mike’s extensive experience directing development of coal-fueled power plants in cooperation with the U.S. DOE and other government entities is vital for meeting our aggressive schedule.”

For more than 30 years, Mudd has worked in the utility industry with most of that time focusing on coal-fueled generation. Mudd’s previous work with DOE includes managing several Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Projects including serving as the Project Manager for the 70-MW Tidd PFBC Demonstration Plant, the first Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustion Power Plant in North America, which was developed in cooperation with DOE and the Ohio Coal Development Office.

Additionally, Mudd has been involved in the design, construction, start-up, and operation of large coal-fueled power plants, including America Electric Power’s (AEP) 1,300 megawatt (MW) and 600 MW coal plants in Ohio and West Virginia.

Most recently, Mudd was responsible for AEP’s corporate research and development associated with energy supply technologies including coal, gas, nuclear, and renewable energy technologies as the Manager of Technology Development.

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Mudd also has experience working side-by-side with industry and government leaders in the energy field. He recently served on a National Academy Panel on Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) Technology – the technology to be used at the FutureGen plant – and was recently named by the Secretary of Energy to serve on the Hydrogen Advisory Technology Committee.

Mudd's new role at the Alliance is effective immediately.

DOE is currently conducting the National Environmental Protection Act evaluation process for four candidate sites that are vying to host the FutureGen plant. Two are located in Illinois and two are located in Texas. The final site will be selected next fall.

FutureGen represents a technology-based solution to world energy needs in a way that will ensure that coal will continue to be used to provide affordable electricity while producing fewer emissions than ever before achieved. FutureGen's suite of innovative technologies will ultimately be available throughout the world, spurring economic development while protecting the environment. These technologies will convert affordable, abundant coal to clean energy, which strengthens energy security and reduces dependence on higher-priced forms of energy. Wherever the plant is ultimately located, it is designed to use different coals benefiting all users and producers of coal both in the U.S. and throughout the world.

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About the FutureGen Alliance

The FutureGen Alliance is a non-profit organization which 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., E.ON U.S., Foundation Coal, PPL Corporation, Rio Tinto Energy America, Peabody Energy and Southern Company. These companies provide energy to tens of millions of residential, business, and industrial customers in North America, Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and South America. The Alliance is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy to design and build the facility. Learn more about FutureGen and the Alliance at www.FutureGenAlliance.org.