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***FutureGen Alliance announces creation of FutureGen Citizens' Board
Board aims to make FutureGen 2.0 project accessible to community***

Jacksonville, Ill. — The FutureGen Alliance has announced that it has created the FutureGen Citizens' Board. The Board, which held its first meeting on March 30 in Jacksonville, will serve as a means to convey community feedback to the FutureGen Alliance on plans for geologic storage of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and the related visitors and training facilities of the FutureGen 2.0 project.

"The FutureGen Alliance is excited that Morgan County citizens have volunteered to participate on the FutureGen Citizens' Board. This unique Board is an important component of the Alliance's stakeholder engagement program to help make the project more accessible to the community, to provide information to citizens in Morgan County and to insure that plans and decisions related to the CO₂ storage, visitors and training facilities are as transparent as possible," said Kenneth K. Humphreys, chief executive officer of the FutureGen Alliance, the non-profit international consortium of companies that will build and operate the nation's first fully integrated pipeline and carbon storage facility in Morgan County.

In recruiting Board members, the Alliance's Stakeholder Engagement Team extended invitations to those holding a diversity of views on the project and having a variety of personal backgrounds. The Board is comprised of 12 charter members with plans for expansion. All members serve on a non-paid, volunteer basis in providing important input to the project.

As part the project, Unit 4 at the Ameren Energy Resources power plant in Meredosia, Ill. would be repowered with advanced oxy-combustion and CO₂ capture technology. The CO₂ would be transported using safe, proven pipeline technology to a storage site for permanent storage in a deep geologic formation. The technology used to repower the unit would be provided by The Babcock & Wilcox Company and Air Liquide Process and Construction, Inc. The FutureGen 2.0 technologies have the potential to repower the world's fleet of coal-fueled power plants in a manner that largely eliminates their emissions, spurs job creation and substantially advances clean energy technology around the globe.

The total cost of the FutureGen 2.0 program is estimated to be \$1.3 billion dollars and is supported by a \$1 billion commitment in federal funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Alliance will conduct further geologic characterization this summer. Consistent with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DOE will conduct an environmental review that will afford opportunities for public participation and comments.

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