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### ***Four Sites Advance in FutureGen CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Site Competition***

Springfield, Ill. — The FutureGen Alliance announced today that sites in four Illinois counties will advance to the next stage of the competition to host the FutureGen 2.0 carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) storage site, visitor center, research, and training facilities. The counties are Christian County, Douglas County, Fayette County and Morgan County. The Alliance selected the sites because they have geology that provides the best potential for safe, secure long-term storage for CO<sub>2</sub>, as well as other technical and legal criteria.

During the next stage of the site selection process, the Alliance will continue its geologic and legal study of the potential host sites. Counties and communities will have the opportunity to strengthen their proposals to host the project, and the Alliance will continue to work with local stakeholders to assure community support before making a final siting decision. As part of this due diligence, additional geophysical surveys will be conducted in Illinois during January. The results of these surveys will provide additional geologic data to support the selection of a final site in mid-February. These actions also serve to keep the overall project on schedule.

FutureGen Alliance Chief Executive Officer Kenneth K. Humphreys noted: “As we move forward, we have an exceptional portfolio of sites from which to choose. The site ultimately selected will be the host to a CO<sub>2</sub> storage site as well as visitor, research, and training facilities. The capital investment in the storage site will exceed \$100 million dollars and will be an economic boost for the host community. Further, local landowners will be compensated for the use of geologic storage space. The underlying geologic storage space currently sits idle and is generally about one mile deep in these counties. These facilities are critical to the success of a larger effort to build the world’s first near-zero emissions power plant in west central Illinois. It is estimated that the combined effort will result in more than 1000 construction jobs and 1000 service sector jobs within Illinois. Total investment in the FutureGen 2.0 project will exceed \$1 billion dollars.”

Using safe, proven pipeline technology, the CO<sub>2</sub> storage facility will receive and store emissions from an Ameren Energy Resources power plant in Meredosia, Ill. that will be upgraded with advanced oxy-combustion technology. 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.

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