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CCTFT SUPPORTS AVERITT OMNIBUS ENERGY BILL

AUSTIN, Texas (January 29, 2009) — The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas supports SB 16 by Kip Averitt, a bill designed to both improve air quality and incentivize advanced clean energy technologies.

“Sen. Averitt understands that clean air means creating incentives for our most reliable sources of energy, including clean coal,” said CCTFT Chairman Chuck McConnell. “We support this well-rounded effort and are pleased that clean coal can play an important role.”

Regarding clean coal technology, the bill:

- Clearly defines carbon dioxide (CO₂) limits that projects must be able to capture in order to qualify.
- Creates a new technology implementation program through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), with guidance from the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT), and the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), providing grants to help reduce emissions at facilities.

“The incentives in this bill that allow for the acceleration of clean coal technologies will be good for Texas, and allow for Texas to be at the forefront of producing clean as well as cheap power,” said RCT Chairman and ex-officio CCTFT Director Michael L. Williams.

In addition to clean coal technology, the bill also includes:

- Rebates for plug-in hybrid vehicles
- Incentives for energy-efficient appliances
- New energy-efficient building codes
- Incentives for electric storage technology related to renewable energy

The bill will use existing funds from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) and the Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP). This means there will be no new taxes or fees to fund the program. The TERP program is continuously funded, and currently holds a balance above \$200 million.

The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas was founded in January, 2004, as a non-profit entity to promote the use and development of clean carbon technologies that will result in reliable, low cost, and environmentally responsible energy for Texas.

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