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CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION APPLAUDS HB 2608

Executive Director testifies in favor of legislation

AUSTIN, Texas – Donna McDonald, executive director of the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas (CCTFT), issued the following statement in response to the legislation filed by Representative Bryan Hughes that would provide the necessary funding for applied research for a clean coal project in Texas which was heard in committee today:

“If we are truly committed to commercializing technology that will utilize coal and lignite more cleanly and more efficiently, we must make a commitment to do the research and development that will make that technology a reality.

“HB 2608 would benefit Texas by enhancing the state’s FutureGen proposal and demonstrate to the FutureGen Industrial Alliance that Texas is committing \$10 million to lignite research, carbon capture and sequestration research.”

McDonald testified in favor of the legislation and praised Representative Hughes for carrying the historic FutureGen legislation passed in 2005, and for leading the way with his current legislation that has the potential to be just as important as FutureGen.

“We know that our great universities are working diligently to provide solutions to our energy needs. This bill will help to provide the necessary funding to further that academic research on this vital Texas resource.

“Representative Hughes’ continues to be committed to looking to the future and putting Texas in the forefront of IGCC and clean coal technology research,” McDonald said.

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