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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION BOOSTS TEXAS BID FOR FUTUREGEN**

*Clean Coal Technology Foundation Praises State of Texas Commitment to \$1 Billion Project*

AUSTIN, Texas – Texas' effort to become home to FutureGen, the world's first near-zero emissions, fossil-fueled power plant, was strengthened by passage of House Bill 149 during the recent special legislative session. The legislation makes it clear that the state of Texas will own and be responsible for carbon dioxide produced by FutureGen, a \$1 billion electric generation and research facility.

“Anyone who doubts Texas' commitment to FutureGen should take note of House Bill 149. This legislation solves the most vexing challenge facing this innovative energy project,” said Dudley Piland, Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas (CCTFT) officer and spokesman. “By providing indemnification for the carbon dioxide produced by FutureGen and sequestered in underground formations, Texas answers the question of who will own, who will store and, most importantly, who will be responsible for this gas.

Future Gen will be the world's first near-zero emissions, fossil-fueled power plant. This prototype 275-megawatt facility will gasify a variety of coals to produce electricity and hydrogen, and it will capture and store carbon dioxide.

The State of Texas has submitted two proposals to host FutureGen – one near Odessa and the other near Jewett, between Waco and College Station. They are among 12 sites, from seven states that met a May 4 deadline to serve as the host site for FutureGen were submitted May 4. The U.S. Department of Energy and the FutureGen Industrial Alliance expect to announce a short list this summer. A final site will be chose in 2007, with construction to begin in 2009.

“By identifying the Railroad Commission of Texas as the agency that will be responsible for the FutureGen carbon dioxide, Texas is the only state that has provided a solution to this issue. We can think of no better partner for FutureGen than the state of Texas,” Piland said.

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The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas is a non-profit organization formed in early 2003 to support the activities of the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council.

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