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Updates: Trailblazer Featured at International Conference; ACU Students Conduct Opinion Survey

November 11, 2010—Tenaska Director of Development and Trailblazer Project Leader Jeff James was recently in Japan, where he was invited to participate in a panel discussion about detailed engineering and design studies for carbon capture technology. His presentation featured Tenaska's plans to develop Trailblazer as one of the world's first coal-fueled power plants to capture 85 to 90 percent of the carbon dioxide that otherwise would be emitted into the atmosphere.

The occasion was the Global Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) Institute's Kyoto Members' Meeting in Kyoto, Japan.

You may recall that the Global CCS Institute recently awarded Tenaska a \$7.7 million grant to help fund detailed engineering and design studies for the power plant's cutting-edge carbon capture technology. The Global CCS Institute works with organizations and governments worldwide to accelerate the deployment of CCS, ensuring that the technology plays a role in responding to the world's need for a low carbon energy future.

"A primary goal of the Institute is to encourage CCS developers to share the knowledge and experience they gain with other programs aimed at refining the capture of CO₂," said James. "We at Tenaska were very pleased to be invited to the Institute's Kyoto meeting to share our plans with the leading CCS technology pioneers from around the globe."

James' presentation also highlighted the role of the Texas legislature in passing legislation that is encouraging the progress of clean energy production in Texas.

"By establishing public policies that encourage private industry to develop clean energy resources, Texas is gaining a worldwide reputation as a center for a new kind of energy production," he said.

The second item of interest concerns a telephone survey of Sweetwater residents, conducted by a group of Abilene Christian University communications students as a class project to assess their views of Trailblazer.

Students conducting the poll are in the class of an instructor who told the Abilene Reporter News that she opposes the plant and is a member of an opposition group. However, she said the poll was conducted objectively.

The results of this poll clearly show a deep understanding of the enormous economic benefits this project will bring to Sweetwater and general support for the project. Of those responding, 65 percent said Trailblazer would benefit the economy and 68 percent said it would bring new jobs to Sweetwater.

About half, 47 percent, said they support the plant's construction, while 36 percent oppose it and 17 percent were undecided.