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**Statewide Poll Shows Illinois Voters Overwhelmingly Favor Cleaner Power
From Illinois Coal; Creating Jobs is Top Energy Priority**

62% willing to pay \$2 or more per month for cleaner power from Illinois Coal

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., November 10, 2010—Tenaska, managing partner of the Taylorville Energy Center (TEC), today released the results of a recent statewide live telephone survey of 800 Illinois voters. Those polled strongly favor using Illinois coal to generate electricity and are willing to pay \$2 per month or more for “cleaner power from Illinois coal.”¹

TEC is a planned 716 MW gross (602 MW net) advanced clean coal power plant that would convert Illinois coal into clean burning substitute natural gas (SNG) and electricity, while sequestering most of its carbon dioxide. The \$3.5 billion facility is expected to go before the Illinois General Assembly for final approval later this month. If approved, the plant would be the cleanest coal-fueled power plant ever in Illinois and one of the cleanest in the world, creating 2,500 construction jobs and hundreds of permanent mining and operations jobs.

Coal currently provides nearly half of Illinois’ electrical generation and yet 25 to 40% of Illinois coal plants are expected to close during the next 10 years as the result of environmental regulations on power plant pollution. According to Crain’s Chicago Business, the resulting cut in supply will result in “increasing wholesale prices and fattening Exelon profit margins.”

Conducted by the nationally renowned firm of Anzalone Liszt Research, the +/- 3.5% margin of error poll revealed a favorable environment for clean coal technologies in the state. According to the firm, key findings include:

- **“More than six-in-ten favor the use of Illinois coal to produce electricity in the state. Sixty-one percent of voters favor the use of Illinois coal to generate electricity in the state, including 25% who favor this strongly. Just 24% oppose using Illinois coal to generate electricity, and 15% say they are unsure.”**

¹ Anzalone Liszt Research designed and administered this survey, which was conducted by professional interviewers from October 18-24, 2010. The survey reached 800 likely 2012 general election voters statewide in Illinois. The sample was drawn from a list of registered voters with a proven vote history, and respondents were screened for their likelihood to vote in 2012. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.5%.

- **“Voters are nearly unanimous in their support for electricity produced from coal if it can be made cleaner.** Fully 86% of voters (56% strongly) say they would be *more likely* to support the use of Illinois coal to generate electricity if the process could be made significantly cleaner than traditional methods (8% “less likely”). This includes strong majorities of Democrats (82% “more likely”), independents (82%), and Republicans (92%), and across all regions of the state.”
- **“Voters strongly support cleaner power plants in Illinois, and they are willing to make a personal investment to make it happen.** By roughly a 3:1 margin, voters agree that it is more important that we build cleaner power plants in Illinois— even if it means a small increase in electricity rates (71% support this position). Less than one-quarter (24%) believe it is more important to keep electricity rates as low as possible, even if it means relying on traditional, dirtier power plants in Illinois. Even solid majorities of Republicans (65%) and conservatives (61%) are willing to pay more for cleaner power.”
- **“A clear majority of voters are willing to pay an extra two dollars or more per month to attain the goal of cleaner power from Illinois coal.** Over six-in-ten (62%) say it is reasonable for consumers to pay an extra two dollars or more on their monthly utility bill for cleaner power produced from Illinois coal. This includes 21% who say “more than three dollars per month,” 20% who say “up to three dollars,” and 21% say “up to two dollars.” Another 26% say “up to one dollar.” Only 5% say consumers should “pay nothing” for cleaner power from Illinois coal (6% say “don’t know).”
- **“Creating jobs and reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources are voters’ top priorities when it comes to the state’s energy policy.** When asked about what state leaders should prioritize when it comes to Illinois’ energy policy, a plurality (36%) says “creating Illinois jobs,” followed closely by “reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources” (32%). Fourteen percent say “reducing our use of fossil fuels like oil, natural gas, and coal.” Nine percent say the top priority is “preventing increases in utility rates or energy costs,” and 7% say “protecting the local environment.”
- **“By a 33-point margin, voters support building the Taylorville Energy Center.** Roughly half of voters (49%) favor building a new coal-fed power plant in Illinois, the Taylorville Energy Center (24% strongly favor). This is compared to just 16% who oppose building the facility, and 35% who do not have an opinion.”
- **“Voters see TEC as a net-plus for the state of Illinois.** Voters are even *more* moved to support TEC after learning that the facility will create jobs, invest hundreds of millions every year into the Illinois economy, and help the state meet its growing energy needs without sacrificing the environment. Voters, particularly those who initially hold mixed feelings about TEC, respond positively after hearing that the facility uses clean coal technologies that will slash

- emissions. Moreover, the best-testing positive messages far outperform the strongest negative messages on TEC.”
- **“Support for TEC is bolstered by the plant’s broad coalition of supporters.** Clear majorities say they would be more likely to support TEC if the plant had the support of public health groups, such as the American Lung Association (73% “more likely” to support), environmental groups, such as the Clean Air Task Force (65%), and consumer advocates, such as the Citizens Utility Board (61%). Close to half (48%) are more likely to support TEC after hearing that state leaders, such as Lisa Madigan, support the plan.”

“It’s encouraging to see such broad public support for developing the Taylorville Energy Center,” said Bart Ford, Tenaska vice-president. “Once the General Assembly passes legislation allowing this project to move ahead, we look forward to investing billions in the Illinois economy, creating thousands of jobs and protecting residential ratepayers who will see no more than a two percent rate impact beginning in 2015.”

About Tenaska

Tenaska has developed approximately 9,000 megawatts (MW) of electric generating capacity across the United States. Tenaska’s affiliates operate and manage eight power plants in six states totaling more than 6,700 MW of generating capacity owned in partnership with other companies. Tenaska Capital Management, an affiliate, provides management services for stand-alone private equity funds, with nearly \$5 billion in assets, including nine power plants (with approximately 5,400 MW of capacity), and multiple natural gas midstream assets, including storage gathering and processing facilities.

Tenaska is applying proven pre- and post-combustion technologies on a commercial scale in its two environmentally responsible clean coal projects. Taylorville Energy Center will convert Illinois coal into clean-burning substitute natural gas, use it to generate electricity and capture more than 50 percent of the plant’s carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Trailblazer Energy Center in Nolan County, Texas, is expected to be the first commercial scale, conventional coal-fueled power plant in the world to capture a significant portion of its CO₂ after combustion. This plant’s success would demonstrate how existing plants in the U.S. and China could be retrofitted cost-effectively with this carbon-reducing technology. Tenaska was recently cited in benchmarking studies by the Natural Resources Defense Council as having among the best fleet-wide records in the United States for controlling emissions. For more information about Tenaska, visit www.tenaska.com.

The Taylorville Energy Center’s Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle (IGCC) with Carbon Capture and Storage process can be seen at www.cleancoalillinois.com, along with details on the project and the technology.