



**AGENDA
for
SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONE MEETING
U. T. SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

**9:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time)
April 27, 2006
Austin, Texas**

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| A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM | 9:00 a.m. <i>Chairman Huffines</i> |
| U. T. System: Recommendation to authorize the U. T. System to join the State of Texas in responding to a Request for Proposal from FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc., for the purpose of offering two alternative sites in the West Texas Lands in Pecos County for long-term lease | Action <i>Chancellor Yudof</i> <i>Dr. Kelley</i> 1 |
| B. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION | |
| 1. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers - <i>Texas Government Code Section 551.071</i> | |
| 2. Deliberations Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Sale, or Value of Real Property – <i>Texas Government Code Section 551.072</i> | |
| 3. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations – <i>Texas Government Code Section 551.073</i> | |
| 4. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees - <i>Texas Government Code Section 551.074</i> | |
| U. T. System: Consideration of individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents and institutional employees, and U. T. System officers and employees | |
| C. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S), IF ANY | |
| D. ADJOURN | 10:00 a.m. <i>approximately</i> |

U. T. System: Recommendation to authorize the U. T. System to join the State of Texas in responding to a Request for Proposal from FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc., for the purpose of offering two alternative sites in the West Texas Lands in Pecos County for long-term lease

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel that the U. T. System Board of Regents authorize actions as necessary to allow the U. T. System to join the State of Texas in responding to a Request for Proposal (RFP) from FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc. (FutureGen) for the purpose of offering, through a 50-year lease term, two alternatives for sites in the University Lands in West Texas (West Texas Lands) in Pecos County for the injection and storage of carbon dioxide (CO₂). The two alternative sites referred to as Area 1 and Area 2 are illustrated in Exhibit A on Page 7. The recommendation is conditioned upon the following provisions:

- a. The response to the RFP is contingent upon the state legislature enacting a statute that would indemnify and hold harmless all other parties, including instrumentalities, subsidiaries, and agencies of the State of Texas from all liability, damages, and harm, whether accrued directly or arising by third party action, suffered associated with the handling, transportation, injection, storage, or release of CO₂ generated by the FutureGen project. In the event such a provision is not enacted into law, U. T. System will not be obligated to lease either site to FutureGen.
- b. The response to the RFP is contingent on the value of any lease being determined by the U. T. System obtaining independent appraisals and gathering other valuation information and will be negotiated with FutureGen. If Area 1 is chosen, the value and terms of the lease will be reviewed and approved by the Chancellor based on review and recommendation from the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel. If Area 2 is chosen, the value and terms of the lease will require the approval of the Board for Lease of University Lands and the U. T. System Board of Regents.
- c. The response to the RFP is contingent on the lease of any injection and storage site for Area 1 allowing for horizontal drilling from adjacent tracts to access oil and gas resources beneath the CO₂ storage area and other agreed activities that will not disturb CO₂ storage.
- d. Acting through the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, U. T. System will be given the opportunity to review and approve all provisions of the Texas RFP response that relate to site selection or the terms of any lease.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FutureGen is a \$1 billion public-private partnership to locate, design, build, and operate the world's first coal-fueled, zero-emissions power plant. The partnership is comprised of American Electric Power, Anglo American Inc., BHP Billiton, China Huaneng Group, CONSOL Energy Inc., Foundation Coal Corporation, Kennecott Energy Company, Peabody Energy, and Southern Company. FutureGen has released an RFP for the FutureGen Host Site. Responses to the RFP are due by May 4, 2006.

One of the requirements set forth in the RFP is the ownership of or access to property suitable for siting a CO₂ injection facility and the long-term underground storage of a large quantity of CO₂. Acting through the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin's John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences, the State of Texas has developed two site proposals in response to the RFP. Both sites are in the Permian Basin region proximate to oil and gas producing lands (West Texas Lands), the surface of which is owned and controlled by U. T. System and the mineral rights to which are subject to lease by the Board for Lease of University Lands. An interagency cooperation contract will be entered into with the State of Texas for preparing a response to the RFP.

On April 19, 2006, the Board for Lease of University Lands passed a resolution concurring in the decision of the U. T. System to join the State of Texas in submitting the Texas response to the FutureGen RFP and setting conditions to protect the value of the Permanent University Fund minerals. A copy of the resolution is attached on Pages 4 – 6.

The Texas RFP response will designate two proposed areas as potential sites for CO₂ injection and storage within the West Texas Lands as illustrated on Page 7. Those two areas are as follows:

1. **Area 1.** As designated on Page 7 by the red cross-hatched circles, Area 1, comprising up to 6,300 acres in seven different injection sites each of which will be up to 900 acres in area, will be described as the primary and adequate CO₂ injection and storage site. U. T. System will offer a 50-year lease term on Area 1 according to the general terms and procedures set forth in Item 3 below. The areas designated for Area 1 are hypothetical at present, and the actual sites will be determined after seismic and other studies are conducted.
2. **Area 2.** As designated on Page 7 by the blue cross-hatched circle, Area 2, comprising approximately 45,000 acres (including those areas included within Area 1), will be described in the Texas RFP response as an available CO₂ injection and storage site if required by FutureGen. U. T. System will offer a 50-year lease term on Area 2 according to the general terms and procedures set forth in Item 4 below. Because the RFP actually asks for an area larger than the size of Area 2, that area is being offered as an alternative. However, the U. T. System believes that the cost of a greater area for Area 2 would be so costly as to be prohibitive.

3. **General terms for lease of Area 1.** The Board for Lease of University Lands has authorized a proposed 50-year lease of Area 1 as the FutureGen CO₂ injection and storage site. The U. T. System will obtain independent appraisals and gather other valuation information and such lease will be negotiated based on such then current valuations, but not less than fair market value. The lease of Area 1 as the FutureGen CO₂ injection and storage site will allow for horizontal drilling from adjacent tracks to access oil and gas resources beneath the CO₂ storage area and other agreed activities that will not disturb CO₂ storage. The terms and conditions of a 50-year lease term of Area 1 will be reviewed and approved by the Chancellor based on review and recommendation of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel. The U. T. System Office of University Lands - West Texas Operations estimates that the proposed 50-year lease may be priced as follows: 1) an upfront bonus payment of \$1,000/acre; and 2) an annual lease payment of approximately \$1.7 million based on injecting 1,000 cubic feet of CO₂ (based on injection estimates in the RFP).
4. **General terms for lease of Area 2.** If required by FutureGen as a condition of award of the FutureGen project to the State of Texas, U. T. System will undertake to establish and have approved the terms of a 50-year lease of Area 2 for a CO₂ injection and storage site. The U. T. System will undertake a study and propose a market value of such a lease of Area 2 and have such fair market value confirmed by independent appraisals. The terms and conditions of a 50-year lease of Area 2 as a CO₂ injection and storage site will then be presented to the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Board for Lease of University Lands for approval.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD FOR LEASE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS
REGARDING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM'S
PARTICIPATION IN FUTUREGEN TEXAS**

This resolution sets forth the general principles and key terms pursuant to which the Board for Lease of University Lands concurs with The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (UTS) in considering UTS' participation in the response of the State of Texas to the Request for Proposals for the FutureGen Facility Host Site (RFP) released by the FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc. (FutureGen). To the extent necessary or advisable, this resolution may serve as the basis for an interagency cooperation contract between UTS, and as necessary, the Board for Lease of University Lands, and the appropriate state agency pursuant to the provisions of The Interagency Cooperation Act, *Texas Gov't Code*, §§ 771.001, *et seq.*

RECITALS

A. FutureGen is a \$1 billion public-private partnership to locate, design, build and operate the world's first coal-fueled, zero-emissions power plant.

B. FutureGen has released the RFP and responses to the RFP are due by May 4, 2006.

C. Considering its coal production and consumption, existing infrastructure, industrial, economic and population profile, and overall prominence in the energy industry, among other factors, the State of Texas is uniquely positioned with respect to the site selection criteria identified in the RFP.

D. Acting through the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin's John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences, the State of Texas has developed two site proposals in response to the RFP.

E. One of the Texas site proposals is in the Permian Basin region proximate to oil and gas producing lands (West Texas Lands), the surface of which is owned and controlled by UTS and the mineral rights to which are subject to lease by the Board for Lease of University Lands.

F. One of the requirements set forth in the RFP is the ownership of or access to property suitable for siting a CO₂ injection facility and the long-term underground storage of a large quantity of CO₂.

G. UTS, through its ownership and control of the West Texas Lands, has available an appropriate CO₂ injection and storage site.

H. UTS is expected to support the State of Texas in its bid submission for FutureGen.

General Terms of Understanding

1. UTS' Participation in the FutureGen RFP Response. UTS is expected to join the State of Texas in submitting the Texas response to the FutureGen RFP for the purpose of nominating certain property in the West Texas Lands as a suitable CO₂ injection and storage site. The Texas RFP response will designate two proposed areas for CO₂ injection and storage within the West Texas Lands as illustrated on Exhibit A to this resolution.

A. Area 1. As designated on Exhibit A by the red cross-hatched circles, Area 1, comprising up to 6,300 acres in seven different injection sites each of which sites will be up to 900 acres in area, will be described as the primary and adequate CO₂ injection and storage site. The exact locations of the sites must be determined prior to September 1, 2006. UTS will offer a 50-year lease on Area 1 according to the general terms and procedures set forth in Section 2A of this resolution.

B. Area 2. As designated on Exhibit A by the blue cross-hatched circle, Area 2 comprising approximately 45,000 acres (including those areas included within Area 1) will be described in the Texas RFP response as an available CO₂ injection and storage site if required by FutureGen. Until September 1, 2006, UTS will offer a 50-year lease on Area 2 according to the general terms and procedures set forth in Section 2B of this resolution. From and after September 1, 2006 and until the execution of the lease, the 45,000 acres may be held for an annual payment of \$100 per acre.

2. Offering Terms of Property in the West Texas Lands. A 50-year lease of either Area 1 or Area 2 requires the approval of both the UTS Board of Regents and the Board for Lease of University Lands. In support of the Texas FutureGen RFP Response, UTS will offer for lease Area 1 or Area 2 as follows:

A. Area 1. The Board for Lease of University Lands hereby authorizes a proposed 50-year lease of Area 1 as the FutureGen CO₂ injection and storage. Before a final lease of Area 1 for FutureGen, UTS will obtain independent appraisals and gather other valuation information and such lease will be negotiated based on such then-current information, but not less than fair market value¹. The lease of Area 1 as the FutureGen CO₂ injection and storage site will allow for horizontal drilling from adjacent tracks to access oil and gas resources beneath the CO₂ storage area and other agreed activities that will not disturb CO₂ storage.

B. Area 2. If required by FutureGen as a condition of award of the FutureGen project to the State of Texas, UTS will undertake to have approved and establish the terms of a 50-year lease of Area 2 for a CO₂ injection and storage site. UTS will undertake a study and propose a market value of such a lease of Area 2 and have such fair market value confirmed by independent appraisals. The terms and conditions of a 50-year lease of Area 2 as a CO₂ injection and storage site will then be presented to the UTS Board of Regents and the Board for Lease of University Lands for approval.

¹ West Texas Operations estimates that the proposed 50-year lease may be priced as follows: 1) an upfront bonus payment of \$1,000/acre; and 2) an annual lease payment of .10/mcf of CO₂ injected approximating \$1.7 million/year based on injection estimates in the RFP, subject to periodic escalations based upon market factors.

3. UTS Review of Texas RFP Response. Acting through its Office of the Chancellor and the Office of General Counsel, UTS will be given the opportunity to review and approve all provisions of the Texas RFP response that relate to Sections 1 and 2 of this resolution.

4. Indemnity and Hold Harmless of UTS. It is the understanding of UTS and other concerned parties that the Texas Legislature may enact a statute that would declare all CO₂ generated by the FutureGen Project in Texas owned by the State of Texas and would indemnify and hold harmless all other parties, including instrumentalities, subsidiaries and agencies of the State of Texas from all liability, damages and harm suffered associated with the handling, transportation, injection, storage and release of CO₂ whether accrued directly or arising by third party action. In the event such a statute is not enacted into law, UTS will not be obligated to participate in the Texas RFP response and the West Texas Lands will not be available for nomination as a CO₂ injection and storage site.

Exhibit A Proposed CO₂ Sequestration Area

