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**Electric Industry Alliance Targets Supply Chain Sustainability**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A group of U.S. investor-owned electric companies has formed an alliance to work with non-fuel suppliers to improve environmental performance and advance sustainable business practices.

Calling itself the Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance (“the Alliance”), the group plans to develop supply chain practices that focus on environmental stewardship and also provide value for customers and shareholders.

The founding members are American Electric Power, Duke Energy, Southern California Edison, Entergy, Exelon, National Grid, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PPL Corp, Progress Energy, and San Diego Gas & Electric. The Alliance is working with the Edison Electric Institute, the industry association that represents U.S. shareholder-owned electric companies, to increase awareness of supply chain best practices across the industry.

Each company has a strong interest in environmental stewardship and sustainable business practices. The goal is to collaborate with suppliers that provide the materials and services to the industry to further extend the focus on these values.

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By working as a group, the companies expect to more effectively and efficiently engage suppliers to improve impacts on air emissions, water consumption, landfill reduction and energy efficiency. The Alliance's scope could eventually widen to include other economic and societal impacts.

The initial focus of the Alliance will be to establish criteria for evaluating the environmental impacts of key materials and services purchased by companies in the industry beginning with transformers and distribution poles; evaluating environmental performance of suppliers; and assessing the environmental performance of an individual electric company's supply chain.

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