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Electric Utility Supply Chain Alliance Establishes Voluntary Green Standards

— Voluntary Standards are available on Alliance's Web site: www.EUISSCA.org —

CHICAGO (May 12, 2009) – The Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance (the Alliance) has developed a set of voluntary standards aimed at reducing the environmental impact of a utility's supply chain. The voluntary standards are the result of a collaborative process and reflect input from suppliers, non-Alliance electric utilities, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Edison Electric Institute, and environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The voluntary standards also incorporate guidance from a number of environmental standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative and the Carbon Disclosure Project.

The voluntary standards define best practices to help non-fuel suppliers assess the environmental performance of their company and utilities the environmental performance of their supply chain operations. Members of the Alliance may incorporate the standards on a voluntary basis, consistent with their individual business strategies. The Alliance will conduct an annual survey to track performance and results against these best practices.

"Many utilities and suppliers are looking for ways to reduce their environmental impact but there has not been a clear framework to guide these efforts," said Alliance Chair and Exelon Chief Supply Officer M. Bridget Reidy. "We established these best practices to help companies assess their current performance and set tangible goals for further progress. Utilities now have a way to engage their supply base and track progress towards environmental goals."

The Alliance is using the voluntary standards as the basis for sample questions that Alliance members may include in requests for proposals to suppliers on a voluntary basis. Draft sample questions are posted on the Alliance Web site at www.EUISSCA.org. Interested parties may submit comments on the draft questions to the Alliance via the website by June 5, 2009.

The Alliance is also working to develop voluntary environmental standards for products and services purchased by electric utilities, starting with wood poles, transformers, and wire and cable.

For more information on the environmental standards or general information on the Alliance, visit the Alliance Web site at www.EUISSCA.org.

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Founded in 2008, the Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance is a registered 501(c)(6) non-profit organization. Its 15 members are U.S. investor-owned electric utility companies, including: Ameren, American Electric Power, Arizona Public Service, DTE Energy, Duke Energy, Entergy, Exelon, National Grid, Northeast Utilities, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PPL Corp, Progress Energy, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Southern Company. The Alliance's goal is to work with industry suppliers and other interested parties to improve environmental performance and advance sustainable business practices.

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