

Biomass Power Association Announces Nine New Members

New Members, Located Across the Country, Produce 339 Megawatts of Biomass Clean Energy

Washington, DC – April 19, 2012 – Biomass Power Association today announced the addition of nine new association members. Among the new members are biomass facilities and producers, suppliers and state renewable energy associations. The newly joined facilities have a combined power capacity of 339 megawatts (MW). This brings BPA members' total MW capacity to 1179, a 40% increase. Also joining BPA are several state renewable energy trade associations, and a biomass supplier.

"Our national energy discussion increasingly emphasizes the need for an 'all-of-the-above' strategy," said Bob Cleaves, President and CEO of the Biomass Power Association. "Biomass energy accounts for half of our nation's total renewable energy and our industry is a crucial part of this strategy. We welcome our nine new members, and we are proud to represent all of our members, old and new, in ensuring that biomass is recognized as an important producer of clean energy."

The association's new biomass producing members, and their megawatt capacity, include:

- · Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, 100 MW capacity (Gainesville, FL)
- Atlantic Power Corp., 126 MW (Boston, MA)
- · DTE, 65 MW (Ann Arbor, MI)
- <u>Leaf Clean Energy</u>, 31 MW (Washington, DC)
- Fortistar, 17 MW (White Plains, NY)

Other new members include:

- · <u>Innovative Natural Resource Solutions</u>, supplier (Antrim, NH)
- Maine Renewable Energy Association (Augusta, ME)
- Michigan Biomass (Ithaca, MI)
- <u>California Biomass Energy Alliance</u> (Sacramento, CA)

Please visit <u>www.biomasspowerassociation.com</u> for further updates on Biomass Power Association's membership growth.

Biomass power is a \$1 billion industry with 80 facilities in 20 states and provides over 14,000 jobs nationwide. Power plants are predominately located in rural communities, creating thousands of jobs and producing millions in revenue for small towns. Biomass power is a clean and abundant source of electricity that will allow states to pursue even more aggressive goals for increasing their use of renewable energy in the future.