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Genera Energy Re-Appoints Board of Directors for FY2010

Members Represent Variety of Statewide Business and Industry Interests

KNOXVILLE, Tenn: Genera Energy LLC today announced the re-appointment of its Board of Directors for fiscal year 2010. Directors are appointed to one-year terms, ending June 30, 2010. The Board is charged with broad oversight of company activities, including the leveraging of public funding with private research, development and demonstration investments and strategic partnerships and collaborations to further the research, economic development, and clean energy objectives of the State and University of Tennessee. Current members represent both private and public interests throughout Tennessee and recognize the State's comparative advantage for building a foundation for clean, renewable energy.

Rejoining Chairman Dr. David Millhorn, who serves as Executive Vice President and COO for the University of Tennessee, are Directors Pete DeBusk, Owner and Chairman of DeRoyal Industries, Knoxville; Dr. Joseph DiPietro, Vice President of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville; John Thornton, President of Thunder Enterprises, Chattanooga; and Dan Wheeler, former Commissioner of Agriculture and retired Director of the Center for Profitable Agriculture, Columbia. All of the Directors are returning to the Board with the exception of James A. Haslam II, Chairman of Pilot Corporation, Knoxville, who is serving his first term on Genera's Board of Directors.

Dr. Kelly Tiller, Genera President and CEO, expressed appreciation to each of these busy executives for the commitment they have made to Genera. "We are very fortunate to have such depth of experience providing vision and leadership for Genera, giving freely of their time and energy and adding tremendous value to our company," said Tiller.

Dr. David Millhorn, chairman of Genera's Board added, "Genera is uniquely positioned to build a base of support for a clean energy industry in Tennessee. As stewards of significant State investments, Genera can leverage public and private partners to bring about truly transformational changes for all Tennesseans, especially in our rural communities. The strength of this Board helps us maximize the value of the State's investments."

About Genera Energy

Genera Energy is a Tennessee Limited Liability Company formed in 2008, wholly owned by the University of Tennessee Research Foundation. Genera plays a key role in implementing the University of Tennessee's Biofuels Initiative (UTBI), a \$70.5 million State investment in developing a cellulosic biofuels industry in the state, with a farm field-to-filling station comprehensive approach. Genera has partnered with DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol, LLC in the construction and operation of a demonstration scale cellulosic ethanol biorefinery in Vonore, Tennessee. The biorefinery will begin operations by the end of 2009, using switchgrass produced on local farms. With about 6,000 acres of switchgrass coming online in East Tennessee in 2010, Genera is focused on developing integrated biomass supply chain solutions and strategic partnerships to support the bioenergy industry in Tennessee. Genera has been instrumental in the organization of the Tennessee Biomass Supply Cooperative and other business ventures designed to develop supporting infrastructure for biomass production and handling and to develop a portfolio of biomass market uses. More recently, Genera has expanded its portfolio of public/private clean energy projects, managing the construction and operation of the West Tennessee Solar Farm, a centerpiece of Governor Bredesen's \$62 million Tennessee Solar Initiative. The new Solar Initiative is modeled after the successful Biofuels Initiative, integrating large scale demonstration of solar power production at the Solar Farm with the Tennessee Solar Institute, a joint research effort at the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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