



Alstom Applauds Senators Kerry and Lieberman for Introducing Energy and Climate Legislation

Washington, DC, May 12, 2010 – Officials of Alstom, a global leader in power generation, today applauded Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) for introducing energy and climate legislation in the U.S. Senate.

Alstom U.S. Country President Pierre Gauthier said, “Legislation that creates certainty about the legal and regulatory framework around carbon dioxide emissions is needed to enable our customers to make fully informed investment decisions. Such certainty is critical because investments to replace and retrofit ageing power plants and infrastructure are essential for security of supply as well as to tackle climate change. By acting to establish such a legal framework as soon as possible, the US Congress can help stimulate the economy, create skilled jobs, and safeguard competitiveness.”

Last month, Alstom testified before the Senate Energy Committee on the need for comprehensive energy and climate legislation to promote carbon capture and storage (CCS) and other innovative clean technology solutions that the company is developing. In that testimony, company executives said that, “Alstom is on record as having the capture process commercially available in 2015... However, absent the certainty that can only come from a broad legislative and regulatory framework making clear a price for CO₂, businesses are unlikely to make the substantial investments needed to support CCS and other innovative technology options.”

Alstom has approximately 6,500 employees in the U.S. and is investing in several new facilities—including a factory in Chattanooga—that will create hundreds more skilled jobs. The company provides or is actively developing a portfolio wide set of low-carbon technologies in the power sector, including nuclear, hydro, wind, energy efficiency, and coal and natural gas with carbon capture.

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Alstom is a global leader in the world of power generation and rail infrastructure and sets the benchmark for innovative and environmentally friendly technologies. Alstom builds the fastest train and the highest capacity automated metro in the world, and provides turnkey integrated power plant solutions and associated services for a wide variety of energy sources, including hydro, nuclear, gas, coal and wind. The Group employs 76,500 people in 70 countries and had sales of nearly €20 billion in 2009/10.

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