



PRAIRIE STATE ENERGY CAMPUS

# Press Release

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## **PRAIRIE STATE GENERATING COMPANY NAMES FIRST CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** *BOARD SELECTS ENERGY INDUSTRY VETERAN*

LIVELY GROVE, IL. - The Prairie State Generating Company (PSGC), the largest partnership of municipal and cooperative power agencies in the Midwest, announced today that Peter DeQuattro will begin serving as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Effective immediately, DeQuattro will be responsible for the overall direction and leadership of the Prairie State Energy Campus (PSEC). Prairie State, expected to begin electricity generation in 2011, will be a 1,600 megawatt, supercritical power plant in Washington County, Illinois. The plant will provide reliable, low-cost electricity to more than 2.5 million people in nine states.

“Prairie State represents an important step in the future of clean energy generation,” said PSGC Chairman and Indiana Municipal Power Agency President Raj Rao. “When complete, the project will allow its equity partners to provide their customers with a steady, reliable, low-cost, domestic source of energy for decades to come. Peter has the experience needed to lead the development of this multibillion dollar project.”

DeQuattro comes to PSGC with 21 years of experience operating and maintaining coal-based power plants at various companies. He most recently served Alcoa as vice president for operations for its Alcoa Power Generating Inc. subsidiary, President of its Alcoa Fuels Inc. subsidiary, and as plant manager of its 732 megawatt (MW) Warrick Power Plant near Evansville, Indiana. From 2000-2002, he was general manager of the Reliant Energy Cheswick and Bruno Island plants. DeQuattro previously served as the operations manager of Louisville Gas & Electric Company’s (LG&E) 1,600 MW Mill Creek generating station from 1997-2000. From 1996-1997 he was plant manager of the 71 MW LG&E Westmoreland Hopewell co-generation facility.

As CEO, DeQuattro will oversee coordination of the Prairie State partnership group, which includes American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio); Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA); Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA); Kentucky Municipal Power Agency (KMPA); Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC); Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA); Prairie Power, Inc.; Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC); and Peabody Energy.

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“Thanks to the coordinated efforts of its equity partners, Prairie State offers a solution to help meet America’s growing energy demands, while driving down energy costs, accelerating economic progress, and ensuring environmental protection,” said DeQuattro. “I am grateful for the opportunity to work with these providers and be associated with this state-of-the-art facility.”

DeQuattro has a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts and an M.B.A. from Indiana University.

**Prairie State Energy Campus**

*The Prairie State Energy Campus has received approval on all required permits and will meet or exceed all state and federal regulations. Using 21st Century technologies, Prairie State will be among the cleanest coal-fueled plants in the country with emission rates that are 80 percent lower than America’s current generating fleet. Even its carbon dioxide emissions will be approximately 15 percent lower than the typical U.S. coal plant*

*Prairie State is expected to create more than 2,500 construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs. As one of the most significant economic development projects in southern Illinois, its economic impact on the region will average \$125 million annually for 30 years.*

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