

Alstom wins three major clean coal contracts in the US worth over 400 million euros

Alstom has won three successive contracts worth over 400 million euros to clean emissions from ten coal-fired power stations in the states of Texas, Kentucky and South Carolina in the USA.

Alstom will supply emission control systems for eight new coal-fired 858 MW generating units that will be built in Texas by utility TXU. Each system will control sulphur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter, and mercury emissions. SO₂ emissions from the new units will be 80% lower than the average U.S. coal-fired power plant. The plants are scheduled to begin operation from 2009 onwards. This contract is worth 280 million euros.

In Maysville, Kentucky, Alstom will supply an emissions control system for Unit 1 of East Kentucky Power Cooperative's H.L. Spurlock Power Station. This order follows East Kentucky's award earlier this year to Alstom for emission control equipment on Unit 2 at Spurlock. The order is valued at approximately 80 million euros. The system will reduce sulphur dioxide and particulate emissions from the existing 340 MW pulverised coal boiler. The new equipment is scheduled to commence commercial operation in 2009.

In South Carolina, in cooperation with AMEC and Zachry Construction, Alstom will supply an air quality control system to Cope Power Station for utility South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G). The total order value is over 50 million euros. The system will reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) from the existing 430 MW pulverised coal boiler. The plant is scheduled to commence commercial operation in January 2009.

Philippe Joubert, President of Alstom's Power Turbo-Systems/Power Environment Sector, said: "Coal is really back, particularly in the US, and Alstom is winning orders because we are, today, the sole company to offer the whole range of clean coal technology needed to meet and exceed stringent environmental legislation. Our world-leading position in clean coal is down to our many years of experience and development of these technologies, which cover the whole range of power station emissions."

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