



## **Biomass Power Association Announces Additions to Board of Directors**

*ReEnergy's Tom Beck Named Chair;  
FSE Energy's Marvin Burchfield, Minnesota Power's Bill Libro Join Board*

**Washington, DC – May 1, 2013** – Biomass Power Association today announced several key changes to its Board of Directors. Tom Beck, an executive at ReEnergy Holdings, Inc., will become Chairman of the Board. Paula Soos of Covanta, the current Chair, will serve as Vice-Chair. Minnesota Power's Bill Libro and FSE Energy's Marvin Burchfield will join the board as members.

"We are thrilled with the two new additions to our Board of Directors and the appointment of Tom Beck to Chairman," said Bob Cleaves, President and CEO of Biomass Power Association. "This is an incredibly active and engaged board, whose involvement will contribute to our association's growth. We thank Paula Soos for her time as Chair and we look forward to her continued service as Vice Chair."

Tom Beck is Principal and Chief Commercial Officer at Latham, New York-based ReEnergy Holdings, Inc., a biomass company with 290 employees that generates 330 megawatts of energy in six states. A founder of ReEnergy, Tom sits on the company's Board of Directors and is a member of its Executive Committee. He was a consultant to the solid waste and renewable energy industries for three years before the formation of ReEnergy Holdings. Before that, Tom was a Vice President of American Ref-Fuel Company and President of TransRiver Marketing Company. Tom has served on the Biomass Power Association Board of Directors since 2012.

"Tom, Marvin and Bill represent three innovative biomass ventures located in diverse areas of the country," continued Cleaves. "Our industry is an important part of the nation's energy portfolio. We are poised to highlight our jobs, environmental and economic contributions on the local, state and national levels."

Marvin Burchfield serves as Vice President of the Solid Fuel Business Unit at FSE Energy. Based in Covington, Louisiana, FSE Energy supplies the highest quality heat and energy equipment, services and solutions, including a full line of biomass fired energy systems for the utility and industrial user. FSE Energy enables its global utility and industrial customers to succeed through the delivery of advanced, proven and environmentally sound technology. Since 1935, the company has built strong relationships by providing unwavering dedication and support to its customers around the world by doing business in person, seizing opportunities and embracing the challenges of the modern energy marketplace. Marvin directs all activities within the Solid Fuel Business Unit, focusing on expansion of the group into new industrial markets, new geographic markets and represents FSE as an industry advocate. Prior to joining FSE Energy, Marvin held

a variety of executive and management positions with companies such as Decker Energy, Biomass Energy Resources and Duke Energy.

Bill Libro serves as the Director of Federal Government Affairs for Minnesota Power, a subsidiary of ALLETE. With three biomass facilities and a range of other energy facilities, Minnesota Power continues to seek out more sources of renewable energy, and has moved from an energy supply that was 5 percent renewable in 2005 to one that is 20 percent renewable today. Bill manages various federal legislative and regulatory issues that affect Minnesota Power and ALLETE's other business units, and advocates the company's positions within the executive, legislative, and regulatory branches of our federal government. Bill has held a variety of positions in public education, private industry, and state government. Prior to joining Minnesota Power, Bill worked in the Washington office for another major Midwestern utility.

Marvin Burchfield and Bill Libro are the newest members of the Board of Directors. In addition to Tom Beck, Paula Soos and Bob Cleaves, the Board includes Frazier Blaylock of Covanta Energy, Bill Carlson of Carlson Small Power Consultants, Joe Dalton of GDF Suez North America, Steve Hall of ReEnergy, Wade Mosby of Collins Companies, Daniel Simon of Ballard Spahr, Hugh Smith of Greenleaf Power and Tom Spies of Powell Group.

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*Biomass power is a \$1 billion industry with 80 facilities in 20 states and provides over 15,500 jobs nationwide. Power plants are predominantly 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.*