



## Biomass Power Association Applauds Nomination of Gina McCarthy as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator

March 4, 2013 – Washington, DC – In response to the announcement of the Obama Administration’s nomination of Gina McCarthy as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator, Biomass Power Association President & CEO Bob Cleaves issued the following statement:

“Biomass Power Association fully supports the nomination of Gina McCarthy as EPA Administrator. Throughout her career, Ms. McCarthy has demonstrated the fair-mindedness, professionalism and collegiality that will lead her to excel as EPA Administrator.

“In her current role as assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation, Ms. McCarthy has consistently shown respect for the needs of businesses for prosperity, while making improved public health a priority.

“Her previous roles in state government for both Massachusetts and Connecticut have given her a great understanding of the sometimes complicated relationship between state and federal regulations.

“Gina McCarthy understands the important role that biomass plays for our nation as a sustainable energy resource. Biomass Power Association endorses her nomination and looks forward to working with her.”

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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 predominately 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.