



## Biomass Power Association Statement on D.C. Circuit Court Decision on EPA Tailoring Rule

Washington, DC – July 12, 2013 – In response to this morning’s announcement that the D.C. Circuit Court has vacated the Biomass Deferral Rule, Biomass Power Association President and CEO Bob Cleaves issued the following statement:

“Earlier today, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision a number of years ago to defer the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from biomass-to-energy plants. While we continue to study the decision and consider various options, it is important to highlight that EPA, along with all interested parties, continues to work toward adopting a final rule on how emissions are to be considered for biomass.

“Now more than ever, EPA needs to conclude its rulemaking by adopting a simple, streamlined approach for greenhouse gas emissions from biogenic sources—emissions that regulators throughout the world have deemed fundamentally different from fossil sources.

“Our industry needs regulatory certainty so that biomass resources can be utilized to their fullest extent. Greater utilization of biomass avoids unsustainable landfilling, promotes healthy forests, and improves the ability of forests to capture ever increasing amounts of greenhouse gas.”

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Biomass power is a \$1 billion industry with 80 facilities in 20 states and provides over 14,000 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.