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**Tenaska gets green light for \$2.5bn IGCC loan guarantee**

Tenaska has been approved to proceed with a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee of up to \$2.5 billion for Taylorville, a coal gasification plant with carbon capture in Illinois, *SparkSpread* has learned.

The \$3.5 billion Taylorville project is intended to convert coal into natural gas, which can then be fed into the gas pipeline system, or used to generate power.

The project will also capture and store some 50% of the carbon dioxide produced.

Debt supporting the project is expected to be guaranteed by the federal government.

Tenaska was advised on the DOE loan guarantee program by Citigroup Global Markets and Capital Technology, Inc., a Rowayton, Conn.-based broker-deal that provides financial advisory and capital-raising services for developers and owners of clean and renewable energy projects.

A spokeswoman for Tenaska declined comment.

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