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**HITACHI POWER SYSTEMS AMERICA AWARDED BLANKET CONTRACT
TO SUPPLY SCR CATALYST FOR
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER'S SCR FLEET**

-- Hitachi SCR Catalyst Technology Will Help AEP Meet Emission Reduction Targets --

BASKING RIDGE, N.J., November, 2007 - Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi America, Ltd., today announced that it has been awarded a blanket contract to supply Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) catalyst for American Electric Power (AEP)'s SCR Fleet. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Hitachi Power Systems will design, engineer, and supply catalyst for the SCR's at eight of AEP's coal-fired electric generating stations starting with deliveries in 2008 through 2011. The blanket contract will result in approximately 7,500m³ of catalyst being installed in over 10,400MW of generation during this time period. Hitachi's proven plate-type catalyst technology has been operating successfully in almost 700 units worldwide, with over 190 coal-fired applications. AEP will benefit from the use of Hitachi's state of the art catalyst technology which achieves high NO_x reduction, low SO₂ oxidation while oxidizing mercury. This will help AEP meet or exceed NO_x requirements, keep SO₃ emissions low, and oxidize mercury through the catalyst. In addition to Hitachi's catalyst technology, AEP will also have access to Hitachi's boiler and SCR System experience and expertise.

In announcing the agreement, Henry Bartoli, CEO and president of Hitachi Power Systems America stated, "Based on the strength of Hitachi's experience and technology, our design is the most cost effective and technically superior solution to meet the various emission requirements. "

About American Electric Power

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning more than 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more 765 kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

About Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd.

Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi America, Ltd. is a leading supplier of equipment and services for the Power Generation Market including Thermal, Nuclear, and Hydro facilities. Products include advanced Pulverized Coal Boilers, HRSG's,

Turbines, Substation Equipment, Wind Generation, and Air Quality Control Systems for new plants and retrofit applications. Hitachi Power Systems America is Hitachi's Global Center of Excellence for the emissions market including Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD) and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology. For more information, visit <http://www.hitachi.us/hpsa>. Hitachi America, Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., markets and manufactures a broad range of electronics, computer systems and products, and consumer electronics, and provides industrial equipment and services throughout North America. For more information, visit <http://www.hitachi.us>.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 384,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2006 (ended March 31, 2007) consolidated revenues totaled 10,247 billion yen (\$86.8 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.