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CURC was established in 1998 – as the Coal Utilization Research Council – as an industry coalition focused on technology solutions for the cost-effective use of our coal resources to meet our national energy needs while also achieving environmental and other societal goals. CURC is in the process of expanding its scope to also include natural gas and rebranding under the new name – Carbon Utilization Research Council. CURC’s mission remains the same – to advance fossil energy use (coal and natural gas) – through the development and deployment of technology.

CURC’s expanded mission provides a cohesive industry voice on fossil energy technology development to ensure successful technology development that will provide low-cost, low-carbon generating options; a more diverse and balanced generation portfolio; new high-paying, skilled jobs; and improved cost and environmental competitiveness of fossil fuels.

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