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## ASX Release

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### RESPONSE TO SPECULATION REGARDING ALINTA'S OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Alinta Energy (ASX:AEJ) today provides information in response to speculation by Debtwire (a subscription service) regarding Alinta's operating performance.

As an energy company, Alinta's performance is impacted by a number of factors, including weather conditions. Over the last few months the business has been adversely impacted by slower than expected economic recovery in Western Australia in the residential and non resource sectors, the flooding in Queensland and milder than expected temperatures in South Australia. Consequently we expect 1H2011 EBITDA performance to be below original expectations however overall performance for FY2011 continues to track above the previous year (FY2010 EBITDA \$319 million).

Alinta continues to closely monitor trading conditions and cashflows and is taking measures to ensure sufficient funds exist to meet an end of February interest payment date in the event milder than expected summer weather persists. We are in discussions with lenders to form contingency plans.

None of this is expected to adversely impact the proposed EGM to consider the deleveraging transaction, which if it and the Creditors' Schemes are approved, will result in a payment of 10 cents per unit to Securityholders. The Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum are expected to be sent to Securityholders in early February, with a meeting in mid March and assuming approval, closing and payment, by the 31 March 2011 or shortly thereafter.

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#### About Alinta Energy Group

Alinta Energy Group (ASX: AEJ) is an integrated energy company, operating power generation businesses as well as providing gas and electricity to commercial, industrial and retail customers across Australia.