

GridWise® Global Forum Announces New Speakers

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Top policy experts, corporate executives join the all-star list of Forum thought leaders

October 07, 2011 - Washington, DC - The GridWise Alliance, the leading coalition advocating for the transformation of the electric system, in partnership with the United States Department of Energy (DOE), today announced the addition of over 20 top corporate and utility executives, regulatory commissioners and energy policy experts to the roster of international thought leaders speaking during the second annual GridWise Global Forum, November 8-10, 2011, in Washington, DC. The newly confirmed speakers will join other national and international government officials, CEOs, academics, NGOs and technology innovators in discussing topics ranging from the impact of an advanced grid on energy use to grid vulnerability to consumer engagement.

"This year's GridWise Global Forum builds significantly on the success of last year's inaugural event. Hearing from a cross-section of the world's thought leaders on the transformation of the electric grid will provide the latest insight to the opportunities and challenges we face on a range of critical issues," said Bob Shapard, chairman of the GridWise Alliance. "All of the speakers are directly engaged in modernizing the electric grid and finding solutions to improve the transmission, generation, distribution and consumption of electricity here in the US and throughout the world. We welcome our new speakers and look forward to their inspiring insight throughout the Forum."

Newly confirmed speakers include:

- Honorable Ellen Anderson, chairman, Minnesota PUC
- James Avery, senior vice president, Power Supply, San Diego Gas & Electric
- Honorable Matt Baker, commissioner, Colorado Public Utility Commission
- Honorable Ron Binz, president, Public Policy Consulting
- Andy Bochman, energy security lead, IBM Rational
- Kathy Brown, senior vice president, Public Policy Development and Corporate Responsibility, Verizon
- Phyllis Cuttino, director, US Global Warming Campaign, Pew Environment Group
- Eric Dresselhuys, founder, chief marketing officer, Silver Spring Networks
- Livio Gallo, CEO, ENEL Distribione
- Honorable Maureen Harris, commissioner, New York State Public Service Commission
- Chris Hill, vice president, Advanced Mobility Solutions, AT&T
- David Leeds, smart grid analyst, Greentech Media
- Bill Loveless, editorial director, US Energy Policy, Platts
- Kenny Mercado, senior vice president, regulated operations technology, CenterPoint Energy
- Jeff Meyers, Smart Grid Solutions, Telvent
- Honorable Dorothy Robyn, deputy undersecretary of defense, Installations and Environment, United States Department of Defense
- Gary Rackliffe, vice president, Smart Grids North America, ABB, Inc.
- Marty Rosenberg, editor-in-chief, EnergyBiz Magazine
- John Soyring, vice president, Industry Solutions, IBM
- Heath Thompson, CTO and SVP of engineering, Landis+Gyr, North America
- Shlomo Wald, chief scientist, Ministry of National Infrastructures, Israel

To see the full list of speakers and the Forum agenda, visit: <http://www.gridwiseglobalforum.org/agenda.asp>.

To register to attend the second annual GridWise Global Forum, visit: <http://www.gridwiseglobalforum.org>. Forum events and announcements can also be followed on Twitter at: [@gridwiseforum](https://twitter.com/gridwiseforum).

About the GridWise Alliance

The GridWise Alliance is the industry-leading coalition advocating for the transformation of the electric system for the public good. Through its diverse membership, the GridWise Alliance promotes the advancement of the electric system through thought leadership, production of white papers and reports, and legislative advocacy. Its 138 members include utilities, technology companies (large and small), telecommunications companies, equipment manufacturers and academia - all of which share a holistic and technology neutral view of the electric system.

For more information about the GridWise Alliance, visit: www.gridwise.org.