



New York State Smart Grid Consortium Names James T. Gallagher as New Executive Director

*Consortium of utilities, regulators, policy makers, academics and technology providers
select 30-year industry veteran to steer New York's grid modernization vision*

New York, NY – April 25, 2013 – The [New York State Smart Grid Consortium](#) (NYSSGC), a public-private partnership devoted to statewide implementation of the smart grid, today announced that James T. Gallagher has been chosen as the new Executive Director, effective April 25, 2013. Gallagher, who has served as a member representative to the NYSSGC for two years, will fill the vacancy created by former Executive Director David Manning's appointment as special envoy to Washington D.C. for the Province of Alberta, and will continue to lead the NYSSGC's long-term vision of facilitating and enabling smart grid development for the state of New York. As part of his new responsibilities, Gallagher will also provide Brookhaven National Laboratory with managerial and technical assistance in the implementation of its Smarter Electric Grid Research, Innovation, Development and Deployment Center (SGRID3).

"I am pleased to announce the selection of Jim Gallagher as Executive Director of the New York State Smart Grid Consortium," said Robert B. Catell, Chairman, New York State Smart Grid Consortium. "We thank David for his leadership and wish him the best of luck in his new policy role for Alberta. Jim, who has been an important contributor since our founding, will use his vast expertise to advance the NYSSGC's mission to create a smart grid that is more flexible, efficient, and resilient to fully support New York and its energy future."

Gallagher most recently served as Senior Manager for Strategic Planning at the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), leading efforts to establish the strategic direction for the NYISO, which manages New York State's electric grid and markets. In his role at the NYISO, Gallagher also recommended positions on key issues and emerging topics including the smart grid, dynamic pricing, demand response, and governmental policies and regulations.

"I am very excited to elevate my role in this vital organization to help lead our collaborative effort to implement grid modernization throughout New York," said James T. Gallagher, Executive Director, New York State Smart Grid Consortium. "I am truly impressed with the progress to date, and I look forward to working with our public and private sector members to advance the NYSSGC's efforts and secure New York's energy future."

Before joining the NYISO in 2011, Gallagher served as Senior Vice President for Energy Policy at the New York City Economic Development Corporation, was Director of the Office of Electricity and Environment for the New York Public Service Commission, where he enjoyed a 21 year career, and held senior energy policy positions at Northeast Utilities, the Pennsylvania Governor's Energy Council, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mr. Gallagher earned a B.S. in Business and Economics from Lehigh University, and an M.S. in Energy Management and Policy from the University of Pennsylvania. An active leader and long-time influencer of policy in the New York energy landscape, Mr. Gallagher sits on the Board of Directors for the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, and also co-chairs the Existing Buildings Working Group for the U.S. Department of Energy's State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network.

The NYSSGC will be attending and exhibiting at the Advanced Energy Conference on Tuesday, April 30 to Wednesday, May 1 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. During one of the opening sessions, Mr. Gallagher will speak on regional smart grid challenges and opportunities as part of a panel moderated by U.S. Department of Energy Assistant Secretary Patricia Hoffman. For information on attending, please visit <http://www.aertc.org/conference2013/>.

About the New York State Smart Grid Consortium

New York is home to a world-class leading effort designed to establish a pathway towards lowering the cost and increasing the efficiency of our Grid. The New York State Smart Grid Consortium (NYSSGC) brings together the world's leading utilities, technology providers, policy makers and research institutions to identify opportunities that show the most promise for broader smart grid technology deployment. The Consortium provides the perfect convening point to develop, test and eventually implement the best solutions and a way to work with policy makers to identify needed regulatory developments. In addition to serving as an advocate for the best technology and policies, the Consortium serves as a resource and collection of experts when it comes to the future of New York State's grid. Incorporated on July 22, 2009, the Consortium is a not-for-profit 501(c) 6 corporation – for more information, please visit www.nyssmartgrid.com.

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