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New York State Smart Grid Consortium Commends Mayor Bloomberg’s Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency

New York, NY – June 11, 2013 – The [New York State Smart Grid Consortium](#) (NYSSGC), a public-private partnership devoted to statewide implementation of the smart grid, today praised Mayor Michael Bloomberg for his broad vision to rebuild and modernize New York City’s infrastructure as outlined by the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR). With New York City’s track record as a leader in sustainability and technological development, SIRR calls for comprehensive collaboration with the State’s utilities to improve city-wide building infrastructure and develop a smart grid that can monitor the system before, during and after major weather events. NYSSGC Executive Director James T. Gallagher was in attendance as an invited guest for the Mayor’s press conference to roll out his vision.

“We applaud Mayor Bloomberg for his leadership and imagination in devising solutions that will address broad infrastructure issues that impact the lives of all New Yorkers,” said James T. Gallagher, Executive Director, New York State Smart Grid Consortium. “As a diverse coalition of utilities, technology providers, policy makers and universities, we will work closely with the task force to support the Mayor’s vision by facilitating innovative smart grid projects that leverage the latest cutting-edge technologies.”

As New York continues to recover from Sandy, innovative solutions and the use of the latest smart grid technologies will play a critical role in modernizing New York’s energy infrastructure and to bring tangible benefits to ratepayers. As noted in the utilities section of the SIRR report, the NYSSGC will partner with the City and task force on several major initiatives, including:

- **Improve Situational Awareness** – The NYSSGC leadership will work with its members on the development, testing and deployment of sensors and other new technologies to improve system monitoring and situational awareness before, during and after major weather events or other disturbances.
- **Innovative Microgrid Projects** – The Consortium will collaborate with its membership broadly, including the utilities, technology providers, building owners, universities, and state and local governments, to identify and facilitate innovative microgrid projects intended to improve system reliability and resiliency.

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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