



SolarCity Joins the New York State Smart Grid Consortium

The nation's #1 rooftop solar power provider joins New York's leading utilities, technology providers, policy makers and research institutions committed to grid modernization

New York, NY – Feb. 27, 2015 – The [New York State Smart Grid Consortium](#) (NYSSGC), a public-private partnership devoted to statewide implementation of the smart grid, announced today that [SolarCity](#), the nation's #1 rooftop solar power provider, has signed on as the Consortium's newest Associate Member. In an attempt to engage the many different stakeholders that are modernizing New York's electrical grid by improving reliability and resiliency, lowering long-term energy costs and working towards a cleaner energy system, the Consortium added an [Associate Membership](#) level last year.

SolarCity specializes in solar installation for homeowners, businesses, schools, non-profits and government organizations. The company serves thousands of consumers across 15 states with clean, affordable solar energy and employs more than 9,600 Americans. SolarCity has operations centers in Albany, Long Island, New Windsor and Westchester in [New York](#), and more than 65 operations centers across the U.S. The company is currently building [the largest solar panel manufacturing facility in the United States](#) in Buffalo, New York.

"We are very excited to welcome SolarCity as a new Associate Member for the Consortium," said James T. Gallagher, Executive Director of the New York State Smart Grid Consortium. "Solar power and distributed generation are fundamentally changing the way the grid operates, and given its leadership nationally and in New York, SolarCity epitomizes the type of new members that we are trying to attract to the Consortium."

NYSSGC memberships provide organizations with access to industry leaders that are part of a unique partnership devoted to promoting broad statewide implementation of a safe, secure and reliable smart grid. As a non-profit organization that serves specifically to enhance the grid throughout New York State, the Consortium provides businesses with the platform, tools and resources to identify opportunities that show the most promise for broader smart grid technology deployment.

The Consortium brings together the world's leading utilities, technology providers, policy makers and research institutions. Organizations that are interested in getting involved with the NYSSGC as a Full Member or Associate Member, can request additional information online at <http://nyssmartgrid.com/become-a-member/>.

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 or follow us on Twitter [@NYSSmartGrid](https://twitter.com/NYSSmartGrid).

About SolarCity

SolarCity® (NASDAQ: SCTY) provides clean energy. The company has disrupted the century-old energy industry by providing renewable electricity directly to homeowners, businesses and government organizations for less than they spend on utility bills. SolarCity gives customers control of their energy costs to protect them from rising rates. The company makes solar energy easy by taking care of everything including design, permitting, monitoring and maintenance. Visit the company online at www.solarcity.com and follow the company on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/solarcity) & [Twitter](https://twitter.com/solarcity).

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