

New York State Smart Grid Consortium Welcomes Smarter Grid Solutions as First Associate Member

The Consortium is seeking to identify the most innovative and forward thinking companies in the Smart Grid and Grid Modernization field to be Associate Members

New York, NY – May 29, 2014 – The New York State Smart Grid Consortium (NYSSGC), a public-private partnership devoted to statewide implementation of the smart grid, today announced that Smarter Grid Solutions, a leading smart grid technology company, will join the Consortium as its first Associate Member within the "Emerging Innovators" category. To ensure that the NYSSGC is actively engaged with the emerging companies and technologies that are helping to drive grid modernization in New York, the Consortium recently added an Associate Membership level that includes both an "Industry" and "Emerging Innovators" category. These new categories are in addition to the two existing Full Membership categories of "Industry and State Leaders" and "Researchers".

Headquartered in Glasgow, UK, Smarter Grid Solutions is developing products that enable power companies and utilities to increase their existing grid capacity in order to connect more renewable energy and respond to the global rise in demand for electricity. As Europe's leading vendor of Distributed Energy Resource (DER) integration solutions, Smarter Grid Solutions works with five of Great Britain's six electricity distribution network operators. Recently, Smarter Grid Solutions opened an office in Brooklyn, New York to serve the North American smart grid market, and is already working with Con Edison on a NYSERDA-funded project to model and simulate microgrid applications for the New York metro area.

"Smarter Grid Solutions is delighted to join the Consortium as its first Associate Member, we are looking forward to collaborating with the Consortium to modernize New York State's grid in a way that will provide immediate as well as long-term benefits for customers across the Empire State," said Dr. Bob Currie, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of Smarter Grid Solutions. "Our membership with the Consortium provides Smarter Grid Solutions with the perfect platform to explore opportunities to spur innovation in this sector while pushing broader smart grid-related technology deployment. Associate Membership of the Consortium provides emerging companies such as ours with the opportunity to engage with key decision makers in the State."

NYSSGC membership provides organizations with access to the industry leaders that are part of this unique public-private partnership devoted to promoting broad statewide implementation of a safe, secure and reliable smart grid. As a non-profit organization established specifically to accelerate grid modernization throughout New York State, the Consortium serves as a very strong forum for member organizations to develop and shape future policies, projects and strategies.

"We are excited to welcome Smarter Grid Solutions as the Consortium's first new Associate Member, which is exactly the type of innovative and forward thinking company that the Consortium is looking to align itself with through our new membership categories," said James T. Gallagher, Executive Director, New York State Smart Grid Consortium. "Through these new membership categories, the Consortium will play an important role in engaging the organizations that are driving new and potentially game changing technologies in New York's rapidly evolving Smart Grid and Grid Modernization field."

The Consortium 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. 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.

About Smarter Grid Solutions

Smarter Grid Solutions creates and delivers technologies that help electricity distribution companies and utilities to integrate Distributed Energy Resources (DER) while minimizing or avoiding new grid infrastructure. The company specializes in Active Network Management, which uses software, automation and control to monitor and control the electricity grid and DER in real time. This allows power companies to improve the operation of their electricity grid and manage their connected customers, without compromising safety and security. Smarter Grid Solutions is Europe's leading vendor of DER integration solutions. It services customers worldwide and is headquartered in Glasgow, with offices in London and New York. Investors include Scottish Equity Partners, the Scottish Investment Bank and the University of Strathclyde. www.smartergridsolutions.com and @SmrtrGridSols.

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