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Smart Grid Coalition Briefs House Speaker and Congressional Delegation in Copenhagen on How Smart Grid Helps Address Climate Change

(Copenhagen; December 18, 2009) Earlier this morning, members of the Demand Response and Smart Grid Coalition (DRSG) met with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the other members of the House Delegation to COP-15 in Copenhagen. The House Delegation is part of the U.S. Delegation in Copenhagen to participate in an attempt to finalize an agreement that would govern international action on addressing climate change. The DRSG Delegation is attending the Copenhagen meetings as a UN-approved Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and is the first smart grid NGO delegation to be participating in a COP meeting.

DRSG members provided the Delegation with a brief overview on the smart grid and allowed House Members to actually see some smart grid devices in action. DRSG members talked about how the smart grid not only enables greater energy efficiency and renewables but on the fact that it may actually be necessary for achievement of climate change goals. DRSG talked about its support for the Smart Green Grid Initiative, the new effort it is co-sponsoring that is aimed at educating the climate change community on smart grid and gaining its support for development of the Smart Grid.

In addition to talking about the intertwinement of smart grid and climate change, DRSG responded to the Congressional Delegation's request to discuss the way that Smart Grid investment can not only reduce energy costs for businesses and consumers, but create new jobs. DRSG talked about the types of jobs that are created as well as the number of jobs that can be created. DRSG also responded to requests to address how the U.S. smart grid effort compares to where other nation's stand at present.

"This was a great opportunity to be helpful to the Congress," said Dan Delurey, DRSG Executive Director. "The U.S. has taken great strides in supporting and investing in smart grid development. As the leaders of the world come together today to negotiate a climate change agreement it is important that they all understand the role that smart grid can play in achievement of climate change goals."

"We in the Congress believe that developing the smart grid is indeed an option that can provide multiple dividends to U.S. businesses and consumers," said Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. "It can lower costs, create jobs and make our nation more competitive in the international marketplace."

As we discussed today, it also is important to climate change and we think it ought to be part of the climate change debate, both here in Copenhagen and back home."

The Demand Response and Smart Grid Coalition is the trade association for companies that provide technologies, products and services in the area of demand response and smart grid. Members of the DRSG Coalition include: Aclara, Advanced Telemetry, Ambient, Amplex, Bridge Energy Group, CABA, CalAmp, Comverge, Conservation Services Group, Control4, Corporate Systems Engineering, CPower, Direct Energy, Echelon, Eka Systems, Electrolux, eMeter, Energy Capital Partners, Energy Curtailment Specialists, EnergySolve, EnerNOC, Enfora, Enspira Solutions, GE, Google, HomeGrid Forum, Honeywell, Ice Energy, Itron, KMC Controls, Landis+Gyr, LG Electronics, Lockheed Martin, Lutron Electronics, Midas Medici Group Holdings, Oracle, PCN Technology, Sensus, Silver Spring Networks, SmartSynch, Space-Time Insight, Steffes, Tendril, Trilliant Networks, Universal Powerline Association, Whirlpool, ZigBee Alliance, and Ziphany. More information is available at www.drsgcoalition.org.

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