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California ISO hosts global forum in support of clean energy vision

2015 Stakeholder Symposium gathers industry leaders to discuss 50-percent renewable goal

FOLSOM, Calif. – With worldwide momentum building for a clean energy supply system, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) is setting an international stage for the power industry’s top leaders to share ideas, solutions and visions for greening the grid.

Registration is now open for the 2015 ISO Stakeholder Symposium on Oct. 22 and 23 at the Sacramento Convention Center. To register, visit www.caiso.com and click on the Stakeholder Symposium icon.

This year, in addition to featuring western states’ energy leaders, the symposium will also host two international panels of energy executives, policymakers, economists, financial advisors, grid operators, and climate researchers.

The annual event is expected to draw nearly 900 industry executives and innovators to discuss opportunities in the shifting energy landscape to fight climate change, promote reliable and efficient power grids, and invest in new technology.

“Since its beginning in 2009, the ISO Stakeholder Symposium has grown in scope and depth, attracting industry experts each year from all corners of the world, until it is now regarded as one of the premier West Coast energy forums,” said ISO CEO Steve Berberich. “The ISO is uniquely qualified to host this event, because our power grid is already tasked with getting half of California’s energy from renewable sources by 2030.”

This year’s symposium theme, “Leading the Way to 50 Percent,” reflects Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.’s goal to accelerate the fight against climate change.

The keynote speakers and panel discussions will align with the 50-percent renewable goal, as will the Technology Showcase, which features about two dozen exhibitors displaying state-of-the-art products and services tailored to the energy and renewables sector.

Following introductory remarks from ISO Board Chair Richard Maullin and Berberich, speakers include Jeff Pavlovic, managing director of Mexico’s Electricity Industry Coordination; and Cheryl LaFleur, member of the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission. Other prominent speakers are in the process of confirming their participation.

The first town hall panel, “Exploring measures to unlock the value of plentiful, clean energy” will feature a discussion on economic growth spurred by the oversupply of energy. Panelists include:

- Stefan Bird, President & CEO, Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp
- Randy Howard, General Manager, Northern California Power Agency
- Alex Makler, Sr., Vice President, Western Region, Calpine Corp.
- Rodger Schwecke, Vice President Customer Solutions, Southern California Gas
- Janea Scott, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- Chris Shelton, President, AES Energy Storage
- Geisha Williams, Executive Vice President, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

A second town hall panel, “Unlocking the full potential of regional collaboration,” will gather western state regulators and grid operators from California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon and Montana to discuss leveraging regional collaboration in reducing carbon emissions and increasing grid reliability and flexibility. Introduced by Rebecca Wagner, Nevada PUC Commissioner and chair of the ISO’s EIM Transitional Committee, panelists include:

- Steve Berberich, CEO, California ISO
- Susan Bitter Smith, Chair, Arizona Corporation Commission
- Phil Jones (invited), Commissioner, Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
- Travis Kavulla, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission
- Mary Nichols (invited), Chair, California Air Resources Board
- Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission
- John Savage, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utilities Commission
- Robert Weisenmiller, Chair, California Energy Commission

On day two of the event, European and American energy leaders will share their perspectives on renewable energy integration and regional collaboration during two panel discussions. Michael Liebrich, Bloomberg New Energy Finance Founder & Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Antonella Battaglini, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research & Executive Director Renewables Grid Initiative, will moderate panels with the following international dignitaries:

- Matteo Del Fante, CEO, Terna (Italy)
- Olivier Grabette, Chief Economist & Innovation Officer, Réseau de transport d’électricité (France)
- Pierre Alain Graf, CEO, Swissgrid (Switzerland)
- Dr. Harry Lehmann, General Director German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- Jo Leinen, MEP (German Social Democrats), European Parliament
- Auke Lont, CEO, Statnett (Norway)

- Dr. Nina Scheer, Member of the Committee for Economy & Energy, German Federal Parliament MP (Social Democrats)
- Boris Schucht, CEO, 50Hertz (Germany)
- Stephan Singer, Director Global Energy Policy, WWF International
- Jörg Spicker, Head of Market Operations, Swissgrid
- Ben Voorhorst, COO, TenneT (Netherlands)
- Henrik-W. Maatsch, National Climate and Energy Policy, WWF Germany
- Prof. Dr. Eicke Weber, Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems

Registration is limited at the event, which has historically sold out well in advance. Attendees are encouraged to register early. Please also note that event panelists are subject to change. A final agenda will be posted to the ISO website in September.

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