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NISC® Members/Customers Awarded SGIG Funding

Lake Saint Louis, Mo., October 30, 2009 – Of the thousands of utilities, municipalities and corporations that applied for the \$3.4 billion in federal smart grid funding, we're proud to announce that several NISC Members/Customers are among the recipients as announced Tuesday, October 27, by President Barack Obama.

Wellsboro Electric Company (Wellsboro, PA) received \$431,625 to implement the Smart Choices project, which will deploy smart meter network systems throughout the utility's service territory.

Sioux Valley Energy (Coleman, SD) received \$4,016,368 to install a smart grid network across the full customer base—23,000 smart meters—that will allow for automated electricity readings and additional monitoring of the system in case of outages or disruptions.

Powder River Energy Corporation (Sundance, WV) received \$2,554,807 to develop a new, secure communications and data network throughout the company's service territory, providing additional monitoring and control of critical grid substations and allowing for the broader integration of distributed generation resources.

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (Plymouth, NH) received \$15,815,225 to modernize their distribution and metering system by deploying advanced meters for all 75,000 members and installing a wide-area telecom network consisting of microwave and fiber links throughout the service territory.

Cuming County Public Power District (West Point, NE) received \$1,874,994 to install communications infrastructures and deploy control software to enable smart grid distribution functions for its distribution systems as well as those of Stanton County Public Power District.

South Mississippi Electric Power Association (Hattiesburg, MS) received \$30,563,967 to install 240,000 smart meters and smart grid infrastructure across a range of their member cooperatives, providing increased communication and monitoring for the grid.

Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. (Benson, AZ) received \$32,244,485 to upgrade and automate transmission, distribution and customer service systems, including smart meters for more than 44,150 customers as well as the installation of communication and digital infrastructure to support the two-way flow of information between the utility and its customers. This G&T serves NISC Members/Customers Mohave Electric Cooperative (Bullhead City, AZ), Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Marana, AZ), and Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Willcox, AZ).

The recipients of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Smart Grid Investment Grants (SGIG)—which include 100 utilities, equipment manufacturers, cities, systems developers and others—have pledged a sum of \$4.7 billion of their own financial resources to match the grants they each received. These funds will allow the recipients, especially cooperatives, to provide solutions that will allow their end-user customers to leverage smart grid and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) data at an accelerated implementation rate.



NISC is still awaiting the announcement of whether the application for a Smart Grid Demonstration Program (SGDP) funding opportunity for the NISC Meter Data Management System project will be one of the eight to twelve projects awarded a shared funding by the DOE. Announcement of the SGDP awards is expected by the DOE later in November.

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