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## **Semi-Annual Changes to the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index**

**New York, NY, March 24, 2014** — The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:NDAQ) today announced the results of the semi-annual evaluation of the NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> Smart Grid Infrastructure Index (NASDAQ: QGRD), which will become effective prior to market open on Monday, March 24, 2014.

The following eight securities will be added to the Index: Toshiba Corp. (6502 JP), Osaki Electric Co Ltd. (6644 JP), Badger Meter Inc. (NYSE: BMI), Echelon Corporation (NASDAQ: ELON), Eaton Corp PLC (NYSE: ETN), Honeywell International Inc. (NYSE: HON), Johnson Controls Inc. (NYSE: JCI) and PSI Group ASA (PSI NO).

The Index is designed to act as a transparent and liquid benchmark for the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The Index includes companies that are primarily engaged and involved in electric grid; electric meters, devices, and networks; energy storage and management; and enabling software used by the smart grid and electric infrastructure sector. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include minimum requirements for market capitalization and average daily dollar trading volume. The NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index is evaluated semi-annually in March and September. For more information about the NASDAQ OMX Clean Edge Smart Grid Infrastructure Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

The First Trust NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> Smart Grid Infrastructure Index Fund (NASDAQ:GRID), is an exchange traded fund that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of the NASDAQ OMX<sup>®</sup> Clean Edge<sup>®</sup> Smart Grid Infrastructure Index.

As a result of the evaluation, the following security will be removed from the Index: Acorn Energy Inc. (NASDAQ: ACFN).

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Daily index values, weightings and historical data for NASDAQ OMX indexes are available via [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Watch](#) and [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Data Service](#).

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Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean- tech sector. The firm delivers an unparalleled suite of clean-energy benchmarking services including stock indexes, utility and consumer surveys, and regional leadership tracking, providing companies, investors, NGOs, and governments with timely research, trending analysis, and actionable insights. Managing director Ron Pernick and senior editor Clint Wilder are coauthors of the widely acclaimed business books *The Clean-Tech Revolution* (HarperCollins, 2007) and *Clean-Tech Nation* (HarperCollins, 2012). To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech trends, or for more information on the company, visit [www.cleantech.com](http://www.cleantech.com).

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