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**gridCONNEXT 2018 TO SHOWCASE DIVERSE UTILITY PERSPECTIVES AT 2nd
ANNUAL EVENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER 4-6**

***Confirmed Partners Include CenterPoint Energy, Intel,
Exelon, Landis+Gyr, ABB, & Itron***

Washington, D.C., June 26, 2018 – The GridWise Alliance and Clean Edge, Inc. today announced initial partners and speakers for gridCONNEXT 2018, a conference to be held in Washington, D.C., December 4-6. The second-annual gathering will bring together business, utility, finance, and policy leaders to explore the most important topics impacting the grid and uncover market innovations poised to redraw the electric utility landscape. This year’s conference theme will explore the “convergence of energy, transportation, storage, and the grid.” More information on the event can be found at www.gridconnext.com.

Confirmed premier partners include **CenterPoint Energy** and **Intel**. Supporting and contributing partners include **Exelon, Landis+Gyr, ABB, and Itron**.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Jon Wellinghoff**: Former Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and renowned grid innovator and policy advisor
- **Laurent Schmitt**, Head European grid operator as the General Secretary of ENTSO-E
- **Jonathan Salk**: Coauthor of the just released book *A New Reality: Human Evolution for a Sustainable Future*
- **Ryan Popple**: CEO of electric bus company leader Proterra
- **Amy Davidsen**, Executive Director, North America, The Climate Group and lead on a range of clean-energy initiatives, including the RE100, EP100 and EV100 campaigns
- **Jon Creyts**: Managing Director at Rocky Mountain Institute, Energy Web Foundation Council Member, and blockchain and energy expert

“Dramatic shifts in business and policy models – along with technology innovation – are reshaping the electric utility landscape at an unprecedented rate,” explains GridWise Alliance CEO Steve Hauser. “gridCONNEXt 2018 will once again convene companies, regulators, investors, and utilities to explore the convergence of energy, transportation, and storage – and uncover what it means for a smart, connected, and resilient grid.”

“Our mission is to provide electric utility stakeholders with an unprecedented venue to collaborate, share best practices, and create the future of the electric utility industry,” explains Clean Edge managing director and conference co-producer Ron Pernick. “Attendees will hear from industry and policy experts via inspirational keynotes, insightful fireside chats, and expert-rich panel discussions.”

gridCONNEXt 2018 will be held at The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, just blocks away from the U.S. Capitol. For more information on the event, to register, or to learn about partnership and speaking opportunities visit www.gridconnext.com.

About GridWise Alliance

GridWise Alliance represents the broad and diverse group of stakeholders that design, build, and operate the electric grid. Since 2003, GridWise and its members have been at the forefront of educating federal and state legislators and regulators on the critical need to modernize our nation’s electricity system to ensure continued economic growth and competitiveness and achieve system reliability, resilience, security, efficiency, sustainability, and affordability.

About Clean Edge

Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, serves corporate, government, NGO, utility, and financial clients working to transition to a low-carbon future. Products and services include stock indexes tracking U.S. and global clean energy, water, and grid infrastructure markets; benchmarking reports tracking states, metros, and utilities; and events that regularly convene hundreds of industry innovators and stakeholders. To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech trends, or for more information on the company, visit www.cleandedge.com.