



# DISTRIBUTION UTILITY MEET 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of  
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## AGENDA

| DAY - 1: 18 NOVEMBER 2021 THURSDAY |   |
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| Time (IST)                         | Session Details   |
| 10.30 ~ 11.30                      | <b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b><br>Welcome Address: <b>Reji Kumar Pillai</b> , President, ISGF<br>Special Address:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ajay Kaul</b>, Head – States and Local Governments, Amazon Web Services (AWS)</li> <li><b>Amal Sinha</b>, Executive Director, BRPL and BYPL</li> <li><b>Manu Maudgal</b>, Director – Clean Power Programme, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation</li> <li><b>Debasish U Banerjee</b>, MD, CESC Kolkata</li> <li><b>G Kumar Naik</b>, Addl Chief Secretary – Energy, Karnataka*</li> <li><b>Praveer Sinha</b>, MD, Tata Power Company Limited</li> </ol> <b>Inaugural Address by Chief Guest: Alok Kumar</b> , Secretary, Ministry of Power*<br>Release of White Papers<br><b>Inauguration of Exhibition by Chief Guest</b><br>Vote of Thanks: <b>Reena Suri</b> , Executive Director, ISGF |
| 11.30 ~ 13.30                      | <b>SESSION – 1: RDSS Program by GoI for DISCOMs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Targets and Schedule of the Scheme</li> <li>Financing Arrangements</li> <li>Technical Specifications and Standards</li> <li>Industry Participation Framework</li> <li>Rollout Challenges</li> <li>Training and Capacity Building</li> </ul> Chair: <b>SKG Rahate</b> , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power<br>Moderator: <b>Rahul Tongia</b> , Senior Fellow, CSEP<br>Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>R Lakshmanan</b>, ED, REC and CEO, RECPDCL</li> <li><b>Saurav Kumar Shah</b>, ED, PFC</li> <li><b>Sri Rajkumar S</b>, Director- Distribution, KSEBL</li> <li><b>N Venu</b>, MD, Hitachi ABB Powegrids India</li> <li><b>Tripta Thakur</b>, DG, NPTI</li> </ol>   |

Day - 1: 18 November 2021 Thursday



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|               |  | <p>6. <b>Deepti V Dutt</b>, Head – Strategic Initiatives – Public Sector, AWS</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>   |
| 13:30 ~ 14:30 |  | <b>TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION BOOTHS AND LUNCH</b>   |
| 14:30 ~ 16:00 |  | <p><b>SESSION - 2: 250 million Smart Meters Rollout</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Key Targets and Schedule of the Scheme</i></li> <li>▪ <i>DISCOMs Preparedness</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Payment Security Mechanism for the AMI Service Provider</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Rollout Challenges: Technical and Non-Technical</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Lessons from Developed Markets</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Industry Capacity to Meet the Schedule</i></li> </ul> <p>Chair: <b>Vishal Kapoor</b>, Joint Secretary, MoP<br/>Moderator: <b>Ajoy Rajani</b>, ISGF WG Chair<br/>Theme Presentation: <b>B Sainath</b>, AWS<br/>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lokesh Chandra</b>, GM, BEST Undertaking*</li> <li>2. <b>Sanjeev Hans</b>, Secretary- Energy, State Government of Bihar*</li> <li>3. <b>Rajendra Cholan</b>, MD, BESCOM</li> <li>4. <b>Anil Rawal</b>, MD, IntelliSmart</li> <li>5. <b>Roberto Zangrandi</b>, Secretary General, E.DSO*</li> <li>6. <b>Vikas Kashyap</b>, ISGF</li> <li>7. <b>Luc Wanniarachchi</b>, Project Director- India Smart Metering Project, EDF</li> <li>8. <b>Jitendra Kumar Agarwal</b>, Joint Managing Director, Genus Power Infrastructure Ltd</li> <li>9. <b>Pawan Mathur</b>, AVP South Asia, Itron</li> </ol> <p>Q&amp;A</p> |



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| <p><b>16:00 ~ 18:00</b></p> | <p><b>SESSION-3: RE AND EV INTEGRATION WITH DISTRIBUTION GRID</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scaling up RE to 450 GW by 2030 and Integrating with the Grid</li> <li>Building Flexibility for the Grid - New Approaches and Technologies</li> <li>Building Distributed Energy Storage Systems</li> <li>Grid Integrated Vehicles (GIV)</li> </ul> <p>Chair: <b>KVS Baba</b>, CMD, POSOCO</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Richard Schomberg</b>, IEC Ambassador for Smart Energy, EDF Fellow and RJSenergy President</p> <p>Theme Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Killian McKenna</b>, NREL</li> <li><b>Rodney McGee</b>, Chief Engineer, University of Delaware</li> </ol> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mark McGranaghan</b>, EPRI Fellow and VP – Power Delivery and Utilization, EPRI</li> <li><b>Amarjeet Singh</b>, CEO, BYPL</li> <li><b>Lawrence Jones</b>, VP, Edison Electric Institute</li> <li><b>Sandeep Bangia</b>, Head - EV, HA and ESCO, Tata Power Company Limited</li> <li><b>Lonneke Driessen-Mutters</b>, Director - Standardization, ElaadNL and Open Charge Alliance</li> <li><b>Anurag Johri</b>, Senior Principal Utilities, Accenture</li> <li><b>Anant Venkateswaran</b>, ISGF</li> </ol> <p>Q&amp;A</p> |
| <p><b>18:00 ~ 19:00</b></p> | <p><b>VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR</b></p>  |





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| DAY - 2: 19 NOVEMBER 2020 FRIDAY |  |
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| Time (IST)                       | Session Details  |
| 09:30 ~ 10:15                    | <b>VIRTUAL YOGA SESSION</b><br>Yoga Instructor: Dipika Lalwani   |
| 10:30 ~ 12:30                    | <b>SESSION - 4: INTEGRATION OF ELECTRICITY AND CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION (CGD) UTILITIES</b><br><b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing of Customer Data and GIS Maps</li> <li>Common Bills for Electricity and Gas (water in next phase)</li> <li>Common Call Centre for DISCOMs and CGD Companies</li> <li>Collaboration for Smart Metering for Electricity and Gas</li> <li>Other Areas for Collaboration for Enhancing Customer Experience and Reducing Cost of Business Operations</li> </ul> Moderator: <b>DV Shastri</b> , ED, Natural Gas Society<br>Special Address by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PK Pujari</b>, Chairman, CERC</li> <li><b>Tarun Kapoor</b>, Secretary, MoPNG</li> </ol> Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A K Jana</b>, MD, IGL*</li> <li><b>Sanjay Banga</b>, President, Tata Power Company Ltd</li> <li><b>Raman Chaddha</b>, CEO, GAIL Gas Ltd</li> <li><b>Surya Pal Gangwar</b>, MD, Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd, Uttar Pradesh*</li> <li><b>HC Sreeramegowda</b>, Director – Technical, BESCOM*</li> <li><b>Suresh Manglani</b>, CEO, Adani Gas Ltd*</li> <li><b>Rajiv Sikka</b>, CEO, Indian Oil- Adani Gas</li> <li><b>Gaurav Bhatiani</b>, Chief of Party (CoP), SAREP (RTI India)</li> <li><b>Mandar Patil</b>, AWS</li> </ol> Q&A |
| 12:30 ~ 14:00                    | <b>TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION BOOTHS AND LUNCH</b>   |

Day - 2: 19 November 2021 (Friday)



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| 14:00 ~ 16:00 | <p><b>SESSION - 5: DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION SECTOR – Successful Use Cases Relevant for India</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning</i></li> <li>2. <i>Blockchain Applications</i></li> <li>3. <i>Robotic Process Automation</i></li> <li>4. <i>Robotics, Drones, VR and AR</i></li> </ol> <p>Moderator: <b>Reena Suri</b>, ED, ISGF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Vinod Tiwari</b>, Power Ledger</li> <li>2. <b>Divya Rajagopal</b>, Automation GUI leader, IBM</li> <li>3. <b>Sumit Gupta</b>, CEO, AssetPlus Consulting</li> <li>4. <b>Ashutosh Nataraj</b>, Vidrona, UK</li> <li>5. <b>Nilesh Kane</b>, Chief - Distribution, Tata Power Company Limited</li> <li>6. <b>Amit Kumar Pandey</b>, ISGF</li> <li>7. <b>Tulika Pradhan</b>, AWS</li> </ol> <p>Q&amp;A</p> |
| 16:00 ~ 17:30 | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION: RETAIL COMPETITION – FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>RP Singh</b>, Chairman, UPERC</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Probir Neogi</b>, Chief Advisor, Corporate Affairs, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Rajesh Bansal</b>, CEO, BRPL</li> <li>2. <b>Pradyumna Bhagwat</b>, Florence School of Regulation</li> <li>3. <b>RN Sen</b>, Former Chairman, WBERC</li> <li>4. <b>Namrata Mukherjee</b>, Deputy CoP – Trade and Investment, SAREP (RTI India)</li> <li>5. <b>Rajesh K. Mediratta</b>, Director, IEX</li> </ol> <p>Q&amp;A</p>   |
| 17:30 ~ 18:00 | <p><b>Valedictory Session and Announcement of DUM 2022</b></p>   |