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Public Utility Commission of Texas Joins Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative

PUCT is newest member of nonprofit encouraging consumer engagement for smarter electric grids

May 1, 2012 — The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) announced today its membership in Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative (SGCC). Since its founding in March 2010, SGCC has attracted many member organizations to listen, educate and collaborate for modernized, intelligent electrical systems.

“Texas is committed to delivering benefits to consumers by implementing a safe, secure and reliable smart grid,” said Christine Wright, who directs smart grid initiatives for the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The PUCT joins a balanced membership of stakeholders that includes leaders from the business community, utilities, regulators and advocacy groups. SGCC activities include funding independent research on consumer smart grid issues, providing forums for members to share and self-educate and collaborating to develop industry best practices.

About the PUC of Texas

The PUCT regulates the electric and telecommunications industries within the state. As of April 1, 2012 more than 5.26 million smart meters have been deployed in the state’s competitive retail electric market. These customers can register their meters and get more information on savings at www.smartmetertexas.com - the agency Website is www.puc.state.tx.us

About the Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative (SGCC)

Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative (SGCC), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of accelerating the adoption of a smart grid that is consumer-safe, consumer-friendly and consumer-approved. Membership is open to all consumer and environmental advocates, technology vendors, research laboratories and electric utilities for collaboration in research, best practices and consumer education. Learn more at www.smartgridcc.org.

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