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SEL Joins the GridWise® Alliance to Promote a Smart, Secure Grid

PULLMAN, WA — April 3, 2009 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced that it is now a member of the GridWise Alliance, a public-private forum that brings together a diverse set of industry stakeholders and resources to deploy, demonstrate, and quantify new technologies, approaches, and business models that cut across traditional industry segments and market boundaries.

The alliance is committed to the idea that through collaborative leadership and cooperation, a safer, more reliable, more affordable power delivery system will emerge, and the U.S. economy will have room to grow and thrive.

“With our consensus-based focus on advocating for a smarter grid for the public good, SEL can bring to the table a deep experience in those very technologies that can transform our grid,” said GridWise Alliance President Katherine Hamilton. “We look forward to SEL contributing to our federal and state policy efforts as well as our focus on implementing standards and cybersecurity protocols in deploying smart grid technologies.”

Electric power utilities around the world apply SEL solutions to automatically and rapidly isolate faults, restore power, monitor demand, and maintain and restore stability for more reliable electric power.

“As the electric power industry and U.S. government pursue the mutually beneficial goals of improving grid reliability, efficiency, and security, the GridWise Alliance provides a unique forum for SEL to both share and learn,” said Sharla Artz, SEL director of security and energy policy. “I’m particularly excited about the alliance’s commitment to cybersecurity and interest in solutions not just for a smarter grid, but also a more secure grid.”

“SEL has a lot to contribute, given our experience in making electric power more secure,” added Artz. “The GridWise Alliance is an excellent place both to teach others what we’ve learned and to better understand our industry’s needs.”

Celebrating 25 years of innovation in 2009, SEL serves the electric power industry worldwide through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. SEL offers unmatched local technical support, a worldwide, ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.

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