Seminar Series

Strategies for Supporting Utility “Automation and SmartGrid Initiatives” through Commercial Carriers

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Abstract

This seminar will focus on Automation and SmartGrid initiatives throughout the North American electric utility industry, primarily driven by regulatory requirements of the DOE and NERC towards the “Digital Utility-of-the-Future”. The session will include a discussion of the current regulatory environment, utility applications, network architectures, security, and the evolving role of cellular carriers in this exciting industry.

Presenters

The session will be conducted by Robert Gustin, National Program Manager Utilities and Paul Wuerslin, Sr. Solutions Engineer, Sprint Nextel. As National Program Manager, Robert has primary responsibility for Sprint Nextel’s strategy, products, and partnerships associated with the North American utility industry. He has over 20 years experience working in the utility industry with a variety of technology manufacturers, most recently with Sprint Nextel. As the Sr. Solutions Engineer for Sprint Nextel’s Public Sector business unit throughout the Carolinas, Paul is responsible for technical applications support for all customers including key utility customers such as Duke Energy, Progress Energy, and Piedmont Natural Gas.