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**CPUC TO HOST THOUGHT LEADERS SESSION ON  
OPTIONS FOR A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ELECTRIC SECTOR**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3, 2015 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the next presentation in its ongoing Thought Leaders Speaker Series will be a panel discussion of the options for a 21<sup>st</sup> century electric sector. The Advanced Energy Economy Institute (AEEI) convened its industry members to produce a position paper outlining a broad vision for California's future electric system, which will be released on August 11, 2015. On August 13, 2015, several of the paper's working group members will participate in a panel discussion to examine how stakeholders in California can move forward in a more integrated fashion to achieve some of the industry's objectives as well as the state's important energy and environmental policy objectives. This informative discussion is free and open to the public.

**WHEN:** August 13, 2015, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available in real-time and archived via video webcast at [www.californiaadmin.com/cpuc.shtml](http://www.californiaadmin.com/cpuc.shtml)

**WHAT:** A lively and interactive panel discussion featuring representatives of AEEI's working group regarding their broad vision for the electric sector and options for a future business model.

**WHO:**

- Peter Rive, Founder, Chief Technology Officer, SolarCity
- Tom Starrs, Vice President, Market Strategy and Policy, SunPower
- Jason Simon, Director of Policy Strategy, Enphase Energy
- Dave O'Brien, Director of Regulatory Strategy and Compliance, Bridge Energy
- Jeff Lo, Vice President of Business Development, Gridco Systems
- Introduction by Steve Chadima, Senior Vice President, Communications & Director of California Initiatives, Advanced Energy Economy

For more information on Thought Leaders, including archived video webcasts of prior Thought Leaders events, please visit: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders).

The CPUC hosts its Thought Leaders Speaker Series to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries impacted by state policies. Leading experts from around the world take center stage to offer their expertise and vision in areas such as communications, energy, water, transportation, the environment, green jobs, and more.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

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