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David K. Owens is Executive Vice President, Business Operations, of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI). In this capacity, he has significant responsibility over a broad range of issues that affect the future structure of the electric industry and new rules in evolving competitive markets. He has responsibility over the strategic areas of energy supply and the environment, energy delivery, energy services and international affairs. He also spearheads efforts to enhance the public policy climate for investments in America's electric infrastructure with emphasis on the role of new technologies to address climate change and enhance energy efficiency through smart buildings, smart appliances, smart meters and smart electric grid.

His responsibilities over the smart electric grid require him to develop and coordinate input from the shareholder-owned electric sector on initiatives from National Institute of Standards and Technology, The Federal Communication Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Department of Energy, state regulatory commissions, consumer organizations, and industry associations including: Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, North American Energy Standards Board, North American Electric Reliability Corporation and others. He has lead responsibility at EEI in representing the industry in forums addressing the smart grid and related matters.

Mr. Owens has frequently appeared before U.S. Congressional Committees, testified in over 50 proceedings on energy issues before state bodies, lectured in universities across the nation, made hundreds of presentations in business forums, and has frequently appeared on TV and radio. He is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on electric utility issues and electric restructuring. Mr. Owens was a key industry spokesperson concerning the Blackout of 2003. He has been at EEI for 29 years, starting his EEI career as Director, Rates and Regulation.

Prior to EEI, Mr. Owens served as Chief Engineer of the Division of Corporate Regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This division was responsible for regulating public utility holding companies. Mr. Owens also was an engineer in the Division of Rates and Corporate Regulation at the former Federal Power Commission, the predecessor to FERC. In that capacity, he frequently appeared in complex regulatory proceedings addressing power supply, transmission and reliability issues. He also worked as a design and test engineer for General Electric and Philadelphia Electric Companies respectively.

He is a graduate of Howard University with a Bachelor and Masters of Engineering degrees. He also has a Masters in Engineering Administration from George Washington University, and has attended executive courses at Howard University, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Michigan State University.

Mr. Owens has distinction in Who's Who Among Black Americans, Who's Who In The Government, and has been honored as Outstanding Leader in the Utility Industry. He sits on the Boards of the National Academy of Sciences, the Keystone Center, the American Association of Blacks in Energy, the IDEA Charter School, and is an active member of a number of professional and community-based organizations.