Questions That We Hope Will Be Answered at this Workshop

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- 1. What are the potential commercial barriers to advancement and application of grid connected power converters?
- 2. Which enhanced performance attributes of advanced inverters would provide economic value to specific market segments?
- 3. Are there common performance attributes that would serve multiple markets?
- 4. What is the worth of these attributes to each individual user, local grid, NERC region, or the US as a whole?

- 5. What are the technology gaps?
- 6. What are the specific R&D efforts needed to fill those gaps and accelerate successful commercialization?
- 7. What are the specific dates of the required successful R&D to support these estimated economic benefits?
- 8. What is the estimated cost of that R&D and the resulting Cost/Benefit ratio?

- 9. What are the supply chain industries and time frame required for specific supply chain developments?
- 10. How can a roadmap process be established to provide guidance for the development and application of advanced grid connected power converters?
- 11. What funding sources are available to support the achievement of these objectives?