

## GO15 - CEO Declaration Guangzhou, China – October 29, 2014

Today, the GO15 association celebrates its 10th anniversary, and we thank our colleagues from the China Southern Power Grid (CSG) for helping us mark this key milestone event in our association's history.

Originally named VLPGO (Very Large Power Grid Operators), GO15 was founded in November 2004 as a joint initiative between three of the largest power grid operators (PGO) in the World: PJM Interconnection (USA), RTE (France) and Tepco (Japan). The ambition was to create a forum for the top executives of the largest PGOs to exchange ideas and experiences on a regular basis, with a common goal to ensure the reliability of increasingly large and complex power grids. Ten power grid operators attended the first meeting in Philadelphia.

Through this association, GO15 members work together on selected joint activities with annual deliverables in support of the top challenges facing the PGOs. These range from shared learning and best practices, to joint project development and harmonization of equipment requirements. Over the last 10 years, several working groups delivered substantial results in areas such as grid reliability, situational awareness, distributed resources integration and ultra-high voltage hybrid (AC and DC) power grids. More recently, the members addressed the issue of grid resilience through the development of a protocol and framework for mutual assistance during grid emergencies, which was signed by all GO15 members at the 2012 annual meeting in Paris.

Today, the GO15 Association comprises 17 PGOs from six continents, who serve over 3.4 billion customers. Its main ambition is to act as a catalyst for the development of power grids of the future by providing a collaborative platform for innovative thinking, technology advancement and industry leadership. It focuses on four main areas of common interest:

- Reliability and resilience of the grid infrastructure,
- Integration of renewable generation,
- Financing and regulation, and
- Advanced grid control.

Over the past 10 years, the GO15 joint activities have fostered an international network of over 150 senior experts who work together towards developing practical solutions in support of each nation's future energy mix. Their end goal is to provide society with reliable electric power while facilitating access to various forms of generation – including renewable energy sources, the integration of electric vehicles and demand-side participation in an economic manner.

GO15 members are well aware of the important role they have to play in enabling the energy industry to achieve the sustainability goals of governments around the world. To this end, the GO15 is interfacing with key international organizations representing decision makers, regulators, generators and distribution grid operators, with the goal of developing regulation and economic incentives in support of the integration of distributed resources.

Today in Guangzhou, we the CEOs of the 17 GO15 members renew our commitment to help the industry transition toward each nation's future energy mix, while maintaining a reliable and quality power supply at a reasonable cost to customers, through joint efforts and increased dialogue with the relevant organizations and stakeholders.

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