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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AUTOVATION, THE SMART UTILITY
CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION**

Sept. 25-28, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center near Washington, DC

DES PLAINES, Ill. –Registration is open for **Autovation 2011**, the most established conference and exposition that connects utility employees to industry peers seeking to improve operations.

Autovation 2011 is Sept. 25-28 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center near Washington, DC.

Highlights include:

Education – Nearly 100 education sessions! Attendees can choose from a myriad of topics presented by industry professionals who will share real-life experiences and discuss how utilities are finding solutions to today's challenges. Education sessions are developed for electric, gas and water utility professionals from investor owned utilities, municipal utilities and electric cooperatives.

Presenters – More than 60 speakers from the most innovative utilities in the world including Alabama Gas Corporation, Atmos Gas, Burbank Water and Power, DC Water, DTE Energy, Fairfax Water, PECO, Pepco Holdings, Inc., PPL Electric Utilities, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, San Jose Water Company, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Southern California Edison, Toronto Hydro and many more.

Workshops – Three hands-on, extended learning sessions are offered exclusively at Autovation.

Water Track – Presentations are tailored to water utility professionals selecting and installing

AMR/AMI systems, as well those that have installed systems and are looking to maximize their investments.

Consumer Engagement Track – Utilities that have successfully educated consumers about the benefits of smart meter deployment will discuss their experiences and offer suggestions for customer communication.

Extensive Exhibit Hall – Dozens of industry suppliers will be in the exhibit hall to showcase emerging technologies and discuss how utilities can optimize their operations.

Utility-Peer Breakfast –Utility professionals enjoy an environment to speak candidly with peers and without the presence of vendors or consultants.

Featured Speakers – Joseph M. Rigby, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (PHI) and George S. Hawkins, general manager of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) are confirmed as Opening General Session speakers Monday, September 26. United States Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu is invited. Autovation 2011 is produced by Utilimetrics, the Utility Technology Association.

For details, or to register, download the [Early Announcement](#) or visit www.ovation.org.

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