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KEMA Promotes Electric Grid Reliability through Utility System Operation Solutions

Impartial technology assessments and strategy planning harness power of energy and distribution management systems

BURLINGTON, Mass., (July 31, 2008) – KEMA's Joseph Moran has been promoted to senior vice president of the firm's global power system operations and control practice. The practice has been expanding globally in 2008 with a focus on creating and improving electric utility network control organization, system operation procedures and practices as well as on supporting technologies critical to the reliability and security of the power grid and on implementing grid modernization and utility of the future initiatives.

"The emergence of large amounts of renewable generation, clean technologies, demand response, and wind integration will present new challenges for our system operation clients," said Hugo van Nispen, president and managing director of KEMA, Inc. "Joe's new position further enables our ability to use our global resources and knowledge more effectively to address these needs."

Moran joined KEMA in 1990, helping to build and expand a successful practice assisting over 40 utilities, independent system operators (ISOs), and market participants worldwide. He has been involved in all aspects of power operations and market operation system projects including strategic planning, technology consolidation, business case development, system procurements, supplier evaluation, contract negotiations, and project implementation and management. As senior VP, Moran will leverage KEMA's extensive global experience in distribution operations related to smart grids to address many new challenges clients face in managing systems and control center operations. The practice includes a global team of technical and strategic management experts on SCADA, energy management systems (EMS), distribution management systems (DMS), market operations systems (MOS), outage management systems (OMS), market participant interface systems, operational readiness activities, and reliability standards.

"Utilities worldwide face both internal and external challenges related to mission-critical power system, real-time control and information systems," said Moran. "These systems and related technologies are a key to maximizing the reliability, security and economics of the power system, especially in managing sustainable reliability compliance such as the NERC standards. Aligning enterprise-level goals and vision with available technology better enables utilities not only to procure and implement the functionality that best captures technology benefits, but also builds in flexibility for future grid and operations modernization. Our solutions are specifically designed to support utility decision making, implementation process, and compliance programs for all aspects of power system operation technology systems."

Information about KEMA's power system operations and control practice, including SCADA/EMS strategies, NERC reliability standards compliance, and distribution operations management, is available at www.kema.com/PSOC.

About KEMA

Founded in 1927, KEMA (www.kema.com) is a global provider of business and technical consulting, operational support, measurement and inspection, testing and certification for the energy and utility industry. KEMA employs 1,600 professionals in 20 countries. The firm's North American consulting operations are headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts. KEMA's global headquarters are in Arnhem, the Netherlands.

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