

**NATIONAL GRID AND T & D WORLD
TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
AT 78th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DOBLE CLIENTS**

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March 15, Watertown, MA, USA

Over 1,200 participants are expected to attend the 78th Doble Client Conference, to be held March 27 – April 1 at the Westin Copley Place Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. The six-day Users' Group Meeting will include a technical program of 60+ presentations, a separate Training Track, utility-only Client Committee Meetings and an Industry Expo. This event is world-renowned as the premiere knowledge sharing experience for electric power engineers.

The Opening Session on Monday, March 28th will include addresses by David B. Zabetakis, President of Doble and Victor L. Richey, Chairman, CEO and President of ESCO Technologies. Two Keynote Addresses will follow from Christopher E. Root, Senior Vice President Network Strategy, National Grid and Rick Bush, Editorial Director, *Transmission & Distribution World*.

National Grid's Christopher Root will deliver his keynote address titled "The Future of the Utility Industry". The Transmission and Distribution system of today is being driven by multiple factors including customer expectations and increasing regulations. Aging infrastructure and renewable energy are just a couple of the challenges facing the system. Expectations are high for eventual Smart Grid deployment and distributed energy. Mr. Root will take conference participants on a journey examining the drivers, challenges and expectations of the Utility Industry from 2010 through 2025.

An additional Keynote Address will be presented by Rick Bush with *Transmission & Distribution World* magazine, with "A Glimpse into our Energy Future". Mr. Bush's current initiative is to tie together the common strategic threads amongst power utilities worldwide. The universal topics for this decade include carbon reduction, green energy and Smart Grid; Mr. Bush will share long range strategic plans from utilities in China, India, Spain and North America with the Doble audience. He will also share global vendor strategies and take a look at

why global players are reversing the outsourcing trend and building manufacturing plants in North America.

“Doble is working closely with our utility partners to meet their needs for the future,” said David Zabetakis, President of Doble, “These Conference keynote presentations from National Grid and T & D World will set the stage for a week of intense knowledge sharing by the Doble Client Community.”

At the Conference opening on Monday, Mr. Zabetakis will announce the development of a groundbreaking new Doble solution. Doble is leveraging its vast database of knowledge to create a truly integrated Smart Grid solution for instant access to asset condition and health. Other Doble announcements at this year’s Conference will include hardware, software and services, with solutions for partial discharge detection, protection testing, and online monitoring of surge arresters.

For more information about the 2011 International Conference of Doble Clients, go to:

http://www.doble.com/events/technical_conferences.html/view/142

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About Doble:

Over 5,500 companies in 110 countries have counted on Doble to develop and deliver solutions for the reliability and sustainability of electric power infrastructure. Doble's unique business proposition combines three core elements - diagnostic test instruments, expert consulting and testing services, and the world's largest resource of related knowledge - into complete solutions. Doble is an ESCO Technologies company. For more information, go to www.doble.com

About ESCO Technologies:

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