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BOW NETWORKS, GARRETTCOM PROVIDE VISION OF NERC CIP SECURE ACCESS MANAGEMENT TO POWER UTILITIES

Executives to Address ABB EMS User Group Regarding Cyber Security Requirements

October 13, 2008 - Houston, Tex. - As the next NERC CIP compliance deadlines grow near, power utilities are homing in on solutions. Bow Networks' president, Jeff Gill, and GarrettCom's EVP, John Shaw, appearing this week at the ABB EMS User Group meeting in Houston, Tex., will address the key issues of secure access management and substation networking incorporating an Electronic Security Perimeter. Jeff Gill is presenting "NERC CIP - Secure Access Management", and John Shaw is presenting, in conjunction with National Grid, "Compliance of the Electrical Grid with NERC/CIP".

"Kudos to the ABB EMS User Group and its chairman George Kalavantis for recognizing how important secure access management is in meeting NERC CIP requirements," said Gill. "The year 2009 is a crucial year for utilities. NERC CIP regulations require that utilities be essentially compliant by July 1, 2009. The pressure is on for utilities to implement effective cyber security solutions, and selecting a solution that has a proven track record, ease of implementation and ease of use are key factors in making solution choices."

"With the short CIP time lines and ongoing cost pressures, power utilities need security solutions that integrate effectively with their existing networks and systems," said John Shaw, GarrettCom EVP. "With careful planning, both access control and perimeter security can be implemented using a variety of existing network infrastructures and can combine the requirements of SCADA, engineering access, metering and other applications on a single, secure and effective network."

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About GarrettCom

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