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## News Release

### **GE Energy Signs OEM Agreement with Industrial Defender, Helping to Protect the Power Industry's Critical Infrastructure**

*GE Energy will Offer Industrial Defender's Technology Suite as a Value-Added Solution to Tackle Electric Industry's Cyber Security and Compliance Challenges*

ATLANTA, GA.—February 25, 2009—GE Energy today announced a global OEM agreement with Industrial Defender, a leader in Cyber Risk Protection™ for critical infrastructure industries, headquartered in Foxborough, Mass. Under the terms of the agreement, GE Energy will offer Industrial Defender's technology suite to customers. The new offering is a value-added cyber-security technology integrated with smart grid automation technologies, such as energy management systems, distribution management systems and substation automation solutions.

This combination will enable electric utilities to effectively and efficiently address their cyber-security needs and help to secure the emerging smart grid roadmap under development to enhance reliability, availability and efficiency of the electric power grid globally.

"GE Energy has been providing highly reliable and mission-critical grid management solutions to the electric utility industry for decades," said Sisir Padhy, general manager for GE Energy's transmission and distribution, automation business. "As the utility industry evolves towards smart grid and secure networks, we are continuing to add capabilities to our technology solutions. We recognized that Industrial Defender's security technology has strong applicability to the electric industry's needs as well as interoperability with our products, a combination that provides an excellent value-add to our customers."

The integration of the Industrial Defender technology suite into GE Energy's transmission and distribution solutions will help to enhance the cyber security of the global electric power ecosystem. It also will help assist North American bulk electricity providers in meeting the government's North American Electric Reliability Corporation-Critical Infrastructure Protection (NERC-CIP) compliance requirements by providing robust cyber security protection and compliance management capabilities.

"With NERC-CIP standards, we've seen the electric power industry take the lead in securing our nation's aging critical infrastructure," said Brian M. Ahern, president and CEO, Industrial Defender. "Industrial Defender and GE Energy will now provide best-in-class critical infrastructure cyber-security solutions for global bulk electricity providers in addition to providing a robust cyber-security roadmap for the emerging smart grid initiative."

Through industry collaborations, GE will deliver one of the broadest portfolio offerings in the industry to modernize electrical systems from the power plant to the consumer. From smarter appliances to technologies for plug-in hybrid vehicles, to providing renewable technologies and smart meters, GE has the breadth and knowledge needed to increase energy productivity all the way up and down the lines.

### **About GE Energy**

GE Energy ([www.ge.com/energy](http://www.ge.com/energy)) is one of the world's leading suppliers of power generation and energy delivery technologies, with 2008 revenue of \$29.3 billion. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, GE Energy works in all areas of the energy industry including coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear energy; renewable resources such as water, wind, solar and biogas; and other alternative fuels. Numerous GE Energy products are certified under ecomagination, GE's corporate-wide initiative to aggressively bring to market new technologies that will help customers meet pressing environmental challenges.

### **About GE**

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