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Transmission and Distribution: AREVA T&D Renews Power Transformer Key Supplier Agreement with Northeast Utilities in the USA

BETHESDA, Md., October 28, 2009 – AREVA's Transmission and Distribution division (T&D) in the United States has signed an agreement to be the key supplier of single-phase autotransformers to Northeast Utilities (NU) through 2014. This contract amendment is part of an on-going framework agreement originally penned in 2006 providing operational and commercial terms for NU to procure AREVA T&D transformers to support the New England East West Solution (NEEWS) and other capital projects aimed at improving and expanding NU's 115 to 345 kV network.

Since 2006, AREVA T&D has supplied 20 single-phase transformers as well as three very large three-phase transformers to meet NU's growing requirements for autotransformers.

Under the terms of the contract, AREVA T&D will build transformers in their factory in Canoas, Brazil, and deliver the transformers to various transmission substations throughout NU's operating territory in Connecticut, western Massachusetts and New Hampshire. AREVA T&D will also provide the erection and commissioning services via its recently acquired RB Watkins service business.

Ruben Lazo, Regional Vice President of AREVA T&D's Americas Region, said, *"We are extremely proud of our on-going business with NU and look forward to continuing our relationship with them as they expand their network. Their commitment to their customers is widely respected and evident in their award-winning energy projects."*

Laurie E. Aylsworth, Vice President Transmission Projects, Engineering and Maintenance for Northeast Utilities commented, *"Meeting the growing customer demand for reliable power while delivering value back to customers with system-wide savings through bulk buying are key goals for our transmission business. Forming relationships with global suppliers like AREVA T&D plays an important part in meeting these core goals."*

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About Northeast Utilities

Northeast Utilities, a Fortune 500 energy company with headquarters in Connecticut, operates New England's largest energy delivery system. NU is committed to safety, reliability, environmental leadership and stewardship, and expanding energy options for its more than two million electricity and natural gas customers.

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In addition, the group is developing a portfolio of operations in renewable energies. AREVA is also a world leader in electricity transmission and distribution and offers its customers a complete range of solutions for greater grid stability and energy efficiency.

Sustainable development is a core component of the group's industrial strategy. Its 75,000 employees work every day to make AREVA a responsible industrial player that is helping to supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.

AREVA's T&D division is an active player around the globe. It designs, manufactures and supplies a complete range of equipment, systems and services for all stages in the transfer of electricity, from the generator to the large end-user.