

## **Rep. Sloan Speaks at GridWeek on Smart Grid Technology Adoption**

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) spoke at the GridWeek Electricity Conference. Dean Prochaska, National Coordinator for Smart Grid Conformance, U.S. Dept. of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) organized the Key Technology Adoption section and stated that "Modernizing the electrical grid will require new technologies that must be able to communicate with each other, work with legacy systems, and continue to evolve. The Smart Grid is integrating information technology with the electrical grid."

Sloan spoke on the "State of the States: What does the Future Hold for Advancing the Smart Grid" panel with FERC Commissioner John Norris and two state public utility commission regulators. "My comments focused on the need for utilities and regulators to earn the trust of consumers regarding anticipated benefits from smart grid investments before asking consumers to pay more for the necessary investments," Sloan said.

Other speakers at GridWeek included Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer of the United States; U.S. Department of Energy's Patricia Hoffman and Joseph Paladino; and Thomas Kuhn from the Edison Electric Institute.

*Sloan is serving his ninth term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee, and a member of the Jt. Committee on Energy & Environment Policies, Local Government, Energy & Utilities, and Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Committees. He was previously recognized by GridWeek with their "Policy Leadership Award."*

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