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Cooper Power Systems Wins “Best Smart Grid Product or Solution” Award at 2011 Rural Smart Grid Summit

Utility executives select Cooper Power Systems for comprehensive suite of automation solutions.

WAUKESHA, WI, October 31, 2011 – The 2011 Rural Smart Grid Summit (RSGS) has recognized Cooper Power Systems, leader in electrical power delivery and reliability solutions for the utility, commercial, and industrial markets, with the coveted “Best Smart Grid Product or Solution” award at the annual RSGS, held at the Hyatt Regency in Bonita Springs, Florida, September 19-21, 2011. Ninety-three utility executives spent three days collaborating with 37 top Smart Grid technology vendors, discussing current and future solutions available for rural cooperative utilities before voting to select Cooper Power Systems as the winner of the award.

Cooper Power Systems presented a comprehensive suite of automation solutions, including:

- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) with blended communications technologies – cellular, power line carrier and radio-frequency mesh networks – to meet the needs of all types of service territories: urban, suburban, and rural.
- Industry-leading Demand Response (DR) offering.
- Substation automation hardware and software to integrate, automate and manage Intelligent Electronic Devices (IEDs).
- Comprehensive distribution automation solutions, which include smart sensors, controls, relays, reclosers, voltage regulators, switchgear, capacitor banks, Integrated Volt/Var Control (IVVC), and automatic feeder reconfiguration.
- Field-proven Yukon™ advanced energy services software and CYME™ power engineering software to assist with implementation and management of customers’ automation investments.

“Cooper Power Systems differentiator is our comprehensive solution portfolio that addresses a utility’s automation needs from the substation through to consumption,” said Mike Stoessl, President, Cooper Power Systems. “We are very proud to have received this award from a broad cross-section of our customer base. It reinforces the Cooper Power Systems Smart Grid vision, and our ongoing investments in technology and product innovations.”

For more information on Cooper Power Systems end-to-end automation solutions, please visit www.cooperpower.com.

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Photo caption:

Representing the Energy Automation Solutions business unit of Cooper Power Systems (from left to right), Gavin McFarlane, global director of sales; Dan Arden, global product director, automation software; Ben Wallace, global director of marketing, and Tom Thorson, director of sales, end point automation.

About Cooper Power Systems

Cooper Power Systems, with 2010 revenues of approximately \$1.2 billion, is a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), and a global manufacturer of world-class power delivery and reliability solutions for the utility, commercial, and industrial markets. Cooper Power Systems is a leading provider of innovative Smart Grid technologies that optimize electrical grid performance. These solutions include Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Demand Response (DR), Smart Sensors, Power Systems Engineering Software and Services, Substation Automation, and Feeder Automation. The company is also a leading provider of software, communications and integration solutions that enable customers to increase productivity, improve system reliability, and reduce costs. For more information, please visit www.cooperpower.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global electrical products manufacturer with 2010 revenues of \$5.1 billion. Founded in 1833, Cooper Industries’ sustained success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has seven operating divisions with leading market positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures, and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power system products. With this broad range of products, Cooper Industries is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher, energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2010, fifty-nine percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-nine percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 21 countries as of 2010. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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