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AVANGRID, Inc. will join NYSE tomorrow with \$30 billion of assets in wind energy, utilities, and natural gas storage

Iberdrola USA and UIL Holdings Merger Creates a Diversified, Publicly Traded Energy and Utility Company

- Combining the resources and expertise of eight electric and natural gas utilities with a rate base of approximately \$8.3 billion serving 3.1 million customers in New York and New England.
- AVANGRID's renewable energy subsidiary is the second largest wind energy producer in the U.S. with 5.6 gigawatts of wind generation capacity sited in 53 wind farms in 18 states. Approximately 69% of the capacity is contracted for an average term of nine years.
- Natural gas storage and hub service facilities include more than 120 Bcf of owned or contracted storage capacity with superior access to major pipelines, rapid injection and withdrawal capacity, and a range of service contract options.
- U.S. businesses align with Iberdrola Group's worldwide focus on clean energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable development. The companies also share the Group's commitment to ethics, transparency, and the best corporate governance practices.
- Committed to being a leader in the transformation to a clean energy future in the U.S. by providing sustainable, innovative energy solutions that benefit consumers, communities, shareholders and the environment.

NEW GLOUCESTER, ME and NEW HAVEN, CT – December 16, 2015 – Iberdrola USA and UIL Holdings Corporation announced the closing of the merger between their companies effective today. The merger creates a diversified energy and utility company with \$30 billion in assets and operations in 25 states. The company will operate under the name AVANGRID, Inc., and it will trade on the New York Stock exchange under the symbol AGR.

Iberdrola's Chairman, Ignacio Galán stated: "Today, AVANGRID, a new American energy giant, has been born. As we have done since our arrival in the United States in 2006, we will continue investing in clean energy across the country, and bring new value to our utility customers through improving infrastructure, new technology, and innovative services."

Upon the closing, James P. Torgerson, President and Chief Executive Officer of UIL Holdings, became CEO of AVANGRID. He will also serve on the AVANGRID Board of Directors. Mr. Torgerson will head a leadership team from among the former UIL and Iberdrola USA executives. The company will maintain a close affiliation with the majority shareholder and former parent company, Iberdrola, S.A.

"We will be a leader in the transformation of the U.S. energy industry," said James Torgerson, CEO of AVANGRID. "This friendly integration of Iberdrola USA and UIL Holdings will offer a more sustainable future to our customers, shareholders and communities."

AVANGRID has a coast-to-coast presence with a workforce of approximately 7,000 employees in three subsidiary companies. Effective with the merger, Iberdrola USA Networks, Inc. owns and operates eight natural gas and electric utilities in the Northeast; Iberdrola Energy Holdings, Inc. is a natural gas storage and energy services company based in Houston, Texas; and Iberdrola Renewables, LLC operates 6.3 gigawatts of generation capacity, including 5.6 gigawatts of wind power at 53 windfarms in 18 states, making it the second largest wind energy producer in the U.S.

The AVANGRID utilities will continue to have offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, and New York and will benefit from an expanded organization with greater resources, strategic alignment and business proximity. Iberdrola Energy Holdings and Iberdrola Renewables are based in Texas and Oregon respectively.

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About AVANGRID

AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE:AGR) is a diversified energy and utility company with \$30 billion in assets and operations in 25 states. The company operates regulated utilities, electricity generation, and natural gas storage through three primary lines of business. Iberdrola USA Networks includes eight electric and natural gas utilities serving 3.1 million customers in New York and New England. Iberdrola Renewables operates 6.3 gigawatts of electricity capacity, primarily through wind power, in states across the U.S. Iberdrola Energy Holdings operates 120 Bcf of owned or contracted natural gas storage and hub service facilities in the South and West. AVANGRID employs 7,000 people. The company was formed as a business combination between Iberdrola USA and UIL Holdings in 2015. AVANGRID remains an affiliate of the Iberdrola Group, a worldwide leader in the energy industry.

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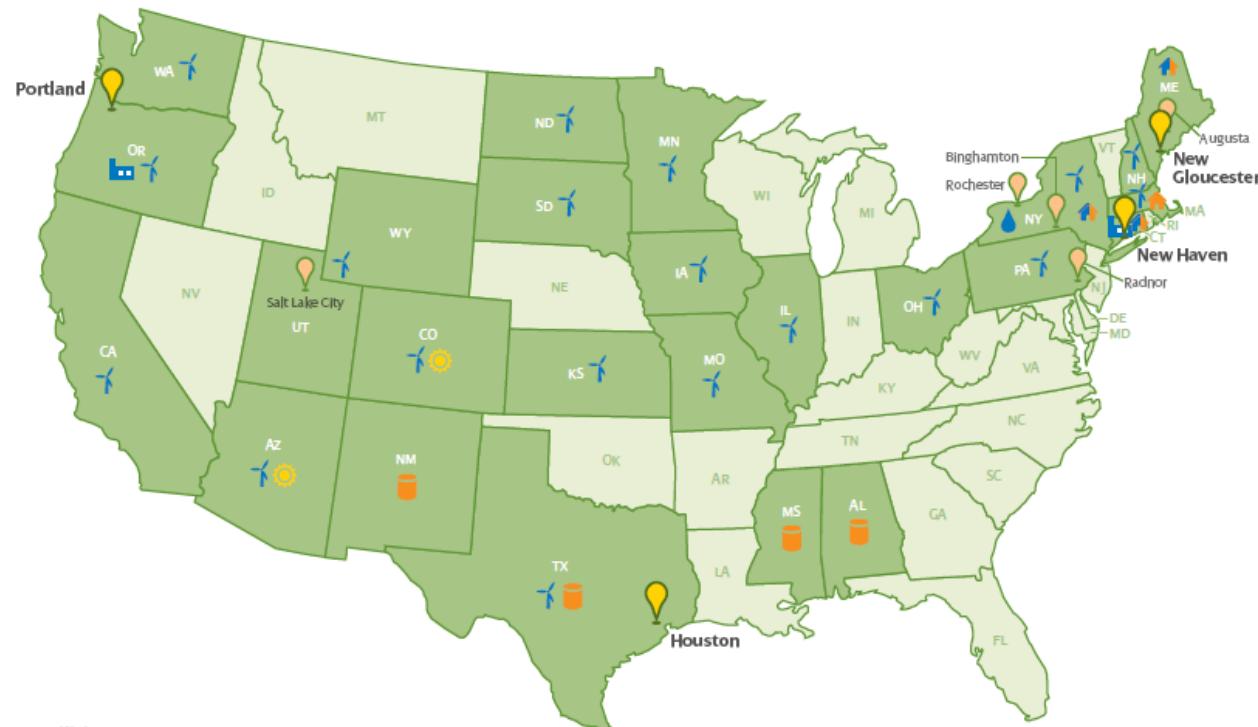
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Facilities:



Corporate Offices



Business Offices



Wind Power

5,645 MW



Solar Power

50 MW



Natural Gas Storage

67.5 BCF

(Excludes contracted storage)



Hydroelectric Plants

118 MW



Thermal Generation

886 MW



Electricity/Natural Gas Distribution Networks

(2014)

31,898 GWh
210,750,499 DTH

Note: solid orange icon (MA) indicates natural gas distribution only

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