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### **Skipping Stone Partner Appointed to Department of Commerce Committee**

Atlanta, GA – November 11, 2014 – Skipping Stone announced today the appointment of Partner Ross Malme to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee to the US Secretary of Commerce as a representative from Skipping Stone and of smart grid consulting companies in the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency sector.

The Committee will be developing actionable recommendations to improve the export competitiveness of these important sectors. Committee members will provide consensus advice on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency exports.

The US Department of Commerce commended Mr. Malme for his willingness to devote time and energy to this Committee, stating that his participation will strengthen the Committee's efforts under the ongoing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Export Initiative, as well as the National Export Initiative (NEI)/NEXT.

"I am honored to accept this appointment to the Advisory Committee to the US Secretary of Commerce," says Ross Malme. "The US Commerce Department has been providing world leadership in the deployment of US Smart Grid Technologies to countries in the developing world. I hope to provide contributions to allow the US to continue this leadership."

#### **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee**

In support of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency manufacturers and services providers, the U.S. Department of Commerce has re-established the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC). The RE&EEAC will advise the Secretary regarding the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of U.S. exports of renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services.

#### **About Ross Malme**

Ross is an international expert in energy technology and retail energy markets. He is the inventor of one of the first successful utility automatic meter reading (AMR) products, which became the standard of the gas and electric utility industries for over two decades. He has also pioneered competitive retail energy products and solutions and is a past Chairman of the Peak Load Management Alliance (PLMA).

#### **About Skipping Stone**

Skipping Stone is a privately held professional services company focused solely on the energy markets. We are unique in that we utilize only energy industry veterans on client assignments. Our specialty is collaborating with clients on ideas, strategies and problems and then providing the array of services required to solve the problems and turn the ideas and strategies into successes. Skipping Stone serves clients globally through offices in Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, Houston and Tokyo. For more information, visit [www.SkippingStone.com](http://www.SkippingStone.com)

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