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Chatterjee Launches EnVision 2021: FERC, Virginia Tech to Co-Host Spring Event

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Neil Chatterjee today announced a new partnership with Virginia Tech to co-host the next annual EnVision Forum, which will provide an opportunity to explore the technology-driven issues facing the energy industry. This second annual conference will be in Spring 2021 on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA.

For the EnVision 2021 event, FERC and Virginia Tech are teaming up to design a robust schedule of discussions centering on the future of electric energy for an industry in transformation. They plan to explore significant technological advances taking place in and around the energy world with cutting-edge issues including:

- Regulations in Grid Security and Resilience
- Electrical Energy Systems of the Future
- Technology and Security in the Digital Age
- A Changing Generation Mix and its Associated Regulatory Issues
- New Platforms for Partnership and Innovation

"The complex issues of today require bold vision, novel theories and creative partnerships," Chatterjee said. "That's where this collaboration between Virginia Tech and FERC comes in: We will bring together leading thinkers, universities, government partners and corporate entities to discuss, share and innovate."

"The energy sector faces a quickly evolving landscape, and with it, new opportunities and challenges," said Brandy Salmon, Associate Vice President, Innovation & Partnerships. "Virginia Tech is excited to cohost this event which will include two of our premiere technology centers working collaboratively—the Power and Energy Center and the Center for Power Electronics Systems. These university centers are led by two National Academy of Engineering faculty members, Chen-Ching Liu and Dushan Boroyevich, renowned for their work in advancing power and energy systems and in training the next generation of power engineers."

More details on the Spring 2021 event, as well as registration instructions, will be announced later this fall.