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Commission to be Represented at National Microgrid Markets Summit Commissioner Bob Burns to Speak with Military, Government Officials, and Policy Makers in Washington D.C.

(Phoenix) The Corporation Commission will be represented in a national summit that will explore the needs and requirements for new “microgrid” projects with renewable energy companies, developers, and technology companies.

Commissioner Bob Burns will participate in a panel discussion entitled: **“Federal and State Regulations in Support of Microgrid Adoption”** at the Microgrid Markets Summit East in Washington D.C. The event will provide a platform for government, utility policy makers, military, and businesses to share strategies to explore the role of microgrids in energy security, renewable integration, and the grid of the future.

“The microgrids are like mini-laboratories,” said Burns. “These can forward the advancement of any number of new technologies that are being developed in the generation and distribution of electricity.”

Microgrids are small-scale grids that can disconnect from the centralized grid. Energy within the microgrid is provided by two or more technologies such as rooftop solar, storage, and fuel cells.

The United States Department of Defense and the Department of Energy Northeast states and utilities are behind a \$26 billion yearly microgrid industry. Each market has unique requirements and the providers need to tailor their approaches to effectively position themselves for the next generation of microgrid projects. The summit will help compare technology and business strategies. It takes place from March 16th-18th in Washington D.C.