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**CPES WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Erik Robie of AVANGRID Joins CPES Board

Hartford, CT (April 20, 2020) – The Connecticut Power and Energy Society (CPES) welcomed Erik Robie, Director of Customer Programs and Products of AVANGRID, to the CPES Board on April 15.

“Erik’s responsibilities at AVANGRID include oversight of the Energy Efficiency Program which will provide mutually beneficial teaming opportunities for outreach and innovative technology programming,” said Michael Smalec, CPES Board Member.

“I’m grateful to be able to serve as a member of the CPES Board. As a career energy professional in Connecticut, CPES has always kept me informed and connected. I look forward to serving the members and advancing the CPES mission,” said Erik Robie.

Erik is currently serving as the Director of Customer Programs and Products for AVANGRID Networks utilities in New York and New England. He is responsible for the delivery and management of the natural gas expansion and energy efficiency programs. Prior to joining AVANGRID, Erik was a Regional Manager for two of the largest fuel cell manufacturers in the world, United Technologies Corporation and Bloom Energy. Erik has over 20 years of domestic and international utility, sales and business development experience. His energy experience spans utility distribution systems as well as microgrids and distributed energy resources.

Erik holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from the University of Hartford.

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