The World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE) and Texas Combined Heat and Power Initiative (TXCHPI) Join Forces -- Cogeneration Industries Council Formed as New Industry Voice

National Organization Aims to Increase Deployment of Efficient, Clean, Secure and Reliable Energy

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The World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE) welcomes the members of the Texas Combined Heat and Power Initiative (TXCHPI) which have merged into WADE.

The merger yields the new Cogeneration Industries Council (CIC), which will serve as the leading industry organization focused on federal and state government affairs, industry-wide promotion and advocacy on behalf of the rapidly growing cogeneration power industry.

The CIC’s formation coincides with the growing need for more secure and reliable distributed power generation.

CIC’s central goal will be to help drive the deployment of cogeneration (now often referred to as combined heat and power or “CHP”) and distributed generation across the U.S.

As a division of WADE, the CIC will bridge the gap between commercial and industrial markets for cogeneration and cogeneration project developers, equipment suppliers, project financing organizations, service providers and others. The CIC will also help communicate the value proposition of cogeneration through an expanded offering of conferences, events, and outreach activities as well as facilitate business development and the sharing of best practices.

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“Beyond the energy and environmental benefits, the deployment of more cogeneration systems can also lead to impressive economic and job growth impacts and CIC will ensure that these impacts are also a part of the discussion,” added Mr. Cauduro.
“TXCHPI played an important role in moving regional policies and programs of critical importance to the CHP industry. TXCHPI will cease operations after the merger and we are pleased to be a part of WADE to continue this important work on a regional and national basis.”

David Sweet, Executive Director of WADE said, “We are excited about TXCHPI and its members joining the WADE global family. There are many compelling developments that have enhanced the feasibility of cogeneration systems and CHP technologies including:

- Increasing water scarcity due to sustained droughts and cooling needs of central power plants;
- Grid reliability issues and the recently revealed grid security vulnerabilities;
- Federal emissions standards for criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases;
- Rising electricity prices;
- Local and state discussions regarding the need for more CHP systems; and
- Expanded supplies of domestic natural gas.

“The CIC will help move the industry forward and is a valuable addition to the mission of WADE.”

For more information, visit www.localpower.org or contact CIC Director Paul Cauduro at (512) 705-9996.

WADE is a global non-profit research, promotion and advocacy organization established in 1997 to accelerate the worldwide deployment of decentralized energy systems. WADE is the world’s leading organization focused on advancing clean and efficient decentralized energy technology in developed as well as developing countries around the world.

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