



IBEC to Present at Touchstone Energy *NET2005* Conference

Huntsville, AL: January 3, 2005 - International Broadband Electric Communications, Inc. (IBEC), the leading provider of broadband-over-powerline (BPL) solutions for rural America, today announced it will participate in the Touchstone Energy *New and Emerging Technologies (NET2005) Conference*, to be held January 18-21, 2005, at the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, FL.

NET2005, sponsored by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and held in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), is the sixth annual gathering of America's Electric Cooperative professionals to learn about the latest utility technologies and explore industry trends that will affect and strengthen the utility industry during the coming year.

Steve Turner, Chief Operating Officer of IBEC, will address the Conference on Thursday, January 20th on the subject, "Broadband-Over-Powerlines: Affordable High-Speed Internet for Rural America." The presentation will explain how the existing power lines can be used to provide broadband Internet services to utility customers as well as providing internal utility applications and real-time video security & surveillance services for the electric utility. Presenting with Turner will be Greg Kelly, Manager of Member Services at Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC), a pilot customer for IBEC in the exciting new broadband-over-powerline arena. Turner will explain the technical and market details of BPL, while Kelly will address the advantages and opportunities afforded by BPL to Electric Cooperatives and their members. Kelly will also share CVEC's first-hand experiences with BPL over the past year and describe the impact it has had on its members. A highlight of the presentation will be a live video-over-BPL transmission session between *NET2005* attendees and a CVEC line crew deploying BPL on its distribution network.

According to Scott Lee, President and CEO of IBEC, the Company uses a utility's existing power lines to provide always-on, "broadband to the power outlet" to customers of electric utilities as well as cost-effective video surveillance and security services for utilities and their customers. Lee noted that "many rural and remote areas of the U.S. are served only by a power line, and IBEC's BPL Internet access system provides the best and most economical solution for broadband access in these areas. In many areas, the power line is the *only* way for consumers to get broadband service."

About IBEC

IBEC, Inc. is a full-service provider of broadband-over-powerline Internet access solutions and services, powerline-based security systems, and electric utility management and control solutions. IBEC's solutions are conditionally approved by RUS for installation on electric utility networks and are designed to provide superior broadband services to all utility customers, both urban and rural, by providing the most cost-effective, reliable, and easy-to-deploy BPL solution available. Via its innovative approach and solutions, IBEC is committed to *EmPOWERing the World's Broadband*®.

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