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Dear Colleague

We are happy to announce two energy events for 2013:

- **Thursday Nov. 7, 2013:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC, www.ferc.gov) workshop on New methods and models for improving the efficiency of power grid operations and planning: dealing with nonconvexities and variable renewables
- **Friday November 8, 2013:** Trans-Atlantic Infraday 2013 on all aspects of energy markets

This is a continuation of the past few years but with some important changes. First, the FERC workshop will be a specialized meeting with talks concentrating on the topic above. This is the same as in previous years with just a change of theme. Second, unlike the past six years, the Trans-Atlantic Infraday (TAI) this year will also be at FERC and will be free of charge. Also different from previous years, TAI will only be on energy topics with an infrastructure connection. This is still fairly general and can include for example:

- energy markets (electric power, natural gas, oil, renewables, etc.)
- intersection of energy and environmental issues
- food and energy
- optimization/equilibrium modeling and algorithms for energy market problems

Also unlike previous years, food will be paid directly by the attendees. FERC has several cafeterias in house and there are a number of restaurants in the vicinity as well.

We hope that this new format will be easier for some people to attend. In addition, continuing the "tradition" started in 2012, we will have an optional hike on Saturday November 9, 2013 (details to be finalized during the meetings).

We look forward to your participation and please feel free to send this announcement to interested colleagues. Be on the lookout for a first call for papers in the spring.

Thanks.

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