

## **S02-03 “Virtual Power Systems: What does the Future Hold?”**

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### Abstract

Virtual power systems are already being constructed throughout the world. They empower customers much more than ever as they demand a variety of services and unique applications. New technology development is supporting the infrastructure and will require a fundamental rethinking of the generation, transmission and distribution of energy from that of providing energy, towards providing service. Additionally, the virtual power system will increase the availability of energy throughout the developing world, improving the quality of life for millions of people who currently are unable to enjoy the benefits of electrical energy.