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## INTERNATIONAL SWITCH ENERGY CASE COMPETITION Call for Virtual Judges

**International Switch Energy Case Competition** – Switch Energy Alliance is seeking judges to virtually assist with the third annual International Switch Energy Case Competition. Below is an overview of the Competition:

- Self-formed teams of 3-4 university students compete for US\$25,000 in prize money as they develop solutions to an energy poverty-based prompt.
- The teams have three weeks to research their chosen issue, create a PowerPoint, and film a 10minute video explaining their solution. The PowerPoint and video are submitted and judges then review the PowerPoint and video presentations.
- The top five teams advance to the Finals where they virtually compete via a live video conference format shown throughout the world.
- More information on the International Switch Energy Case Competition can be found at <u>switchon.org/case-competition</u>.

**Judges** – The Competition is seeking energy professionals to remotely act as judges for either the Preliminary Round, Semifinal Round, or the Final Round. Energy professionals from all energy fields, countries and organizations (business, academic, government, nonprofit, etc.) are encouraged to volunteer.

- Preliminary Round Judges:
  - ✓ Between October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>, Preliminary Round judges will review ten 10-minute video presentations, which will be supported by PowerPoint slides.
  - ✓ Preliminary Round judges will have flexibility over when they decide to review and score the presentations during the period between October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ Judges review the video presentations and then score the four teams using a scoring guide.
  - ✓ No travel is necessary. This is a virtual competition. The Preliminary Round is not live.
- Semifinal Round Judges:
  - ✓ The Semifinals Round judges will review semifinalist 10-minute video presentations between November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> and score the teams using a scoring guide.
  - ✓ No travel is necessary. This is a virtual competition. The Semifinal Round is not live.
- Final Round Judges:
  - ✓ The Finals will consist of five teams.
  - ✓ The Finals Round judges will review all five of the finalists' 10-minute video presentations between November 9<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup> and score the five teams using a scoring guide.
  - ✓ The judges will also participate in the live Finals Round which will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Central Standard Time.
  - ✓ During the November 12<sup>th</sup> live event, the judges will engage in a Q&A with the finalists. After the Q&A, the judges will individually score the Q&A session using a scoring guide. All scores will be totaled and the placements will be announced.
  - ✓ No travel is necessary. This is a virtual competition. The Finals Round is live.

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