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From 2001 to 2011, Mr. Eckhart was founding President of the American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE), a Washington DC-based nonprofit organization with over 600 organizational members in wind, solar, hydro, ocean, geothermal, biomass, biofuels and waste sources of electricity, thermal energy, hydrogen and fuels. Previously, he developed financing for solar energy under the SolarBank Initiative in South Africa and India; was Chairman & CEO of the power generation development firm United Power Systems, Inc.; Vice President of the venture capital firm Areté Ventures, Inc.; a strategic planner of General Electric Company's power systems sector; and a Principal with the energy practice of Booz, Allen & Hamilton where he conducted many of the original national studies on new energy technologies in the 1970s including renewables, advanced coal, synfuels, advanced nuclear and others.

Mr. Eckhart has received several awards in the area of social entrepreneurship. He served in the US Navy Submarine Service. He received a degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

His presentation on: **The Need to Attract Long-Term, Loc-Cost Debt Capital to Renewable Energy**