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## **Northeast Utilities' Penni McLean-Conner Slated for NCBC 2014 Keynote**

*Utility executive, author and engineer looks to the future of energy efficient buildings*

Portland, ORE, April 16, 2014– The Building Commissioning Association today announced that Penni McLean-Conner, Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President of Northeast Utilities' Customer Group, will deliver the keynote address at its annual international building industry event, National Conference on Building Commissioning. NCBC 2014 will be held May 19-21 at the Connecticut Convention Center and Science Museum in Hartford, Connecticut.

Penni is responsible for delivering high quality customer service and a cost-effective portfolio of electric and gas energy efficiency programs to Northeast Utilities' 3.5 million electric and gas customers. She serves on the boards of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP), and the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE), among others. A registered professional engineer, Penni has over 25 years in the utility business and has authored two books, "Customer Service: Utility Style," and "Energy Efficiency: Principles and Practices."

NCBC 2014 connects the people, products and technologies that will advance the future of high performance buildings. The conference showcases speakers and companies dedicated to improving the efficiency and productivity of the built environment, while onsite exhibits feature companies with products and services that "make it so."

The convention complex itself is a shining example – the Connecticut Convention Center, Science Center, Marriott Hartford Hotel and a central utility plant that serves all three buildings – underwent two years of major work, completed in 2014 through the Energize Connecticut<sup>SM</sup> Retro Commissioning program, administered by Connecticut Light and Power, a Northeast Utilities Company.

NCBC 2014 will be attended by professionals from the global building community – owners, designers, contractors, facility managers, energy experts, utilities and others – and will feature more than 35 hours over three comprehensive days of advanced commissioning practices, case study solutions, and cutting-edge technical tools for delivering high performance in the built environment.

Special events include a building enclosure class, networking and dinner at the exciting nine-story Science Center, and a "Town Hall" meeting on the future of commissioning. The annual BCA Scholarship Foundation golf tournament will round out the conference itinerary.

To register and learn more about NCBC 2014, please visit:

<http://www.bcxa.org/training/NCBC/>



Photo of Penni McLean-Conner

### **About BCA**

The Building Commissioning Association is dedicated to professional development and industry advocacy for best practices in learning, doing, teaching and maintaining the highest standards for the building commissioning process to achieve persistent, efficient building performance. Learn more at [www.bcxa.org](http://www.bcxa.org).

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