



## **PowerLight Hires VP to Launch East Coast Operations**

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BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 23 /PRNewswire/ -- PowerLight Corporation has hired Thomas Leyden as Vice President in charge of East Coast operations. The California-based company designs and sells grid-connected solar electric (photovoltaic) systems to the global market, with an emphasis on commercial roof-integrated arrays.

Mr. Leyden will be helping PowerLight accelerate its growth on the East Coast, particularly in the commercial sector. As a result of utility deregulation, customers can now choose environmentally sound energy sources such as wind and solar. "PowerLight is well prepared to ride the rising wave of green power," says Mr. Leyden. "The company's patented PowerGuard(TM) roof tiles don't just produce clean energy -- they also provide building insulation to cut the costs of heating and cooling, and they extend the life of the roof. This unique system of 'stacked benefits' has made PowerLight the price and quality leader in the photovoltaic industry."

Mr. Leyden has an established career in the solar industry. In the early 1980s he founded Maryland Energy Systems, a solar thermal company, and became the founding President of the Maryland/Washington, D.C., Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA). Currently he serves as President of New Jersey SEIA. Prior to joining PowerLight, Mr. Leyden served as Vice President of Marketing for WorldWater Corporation, an off-grid manufacturer of solar-powered pumping systems, and as Vice President of Marketing for EPV, a New Jersey-based manufacturer of thin-film PV.

A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Leyden was an All-American lacrosse player and two-time captain of his team. He is an active member of the Princeton Alumni

Community Service Committee, leads the Princeton Habitat for Humanity project, and serves on his local Chesterfield Township Planning Board, working to replace suburban sprawl with sustainable, environmentally sound development.

PowerLight is the U.S. leader in building-integrated solar electric systems. Its patented PV products not only generate clean power at the lowest possible cost, but offer a host of other quantifiable benefits that make PowerLight systems the most financially viable in the industry. Since 1994 PowerLight has been installing high-profile commercial projects around the globe, positioning itself as the industry's preeminent supplier of PV products and services.

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