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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Joel Theis as an economist. He will support Smart Grid technologies. Previously, he worked as a consultant evaluating the economics of conventional and renewable electric power resources and energy efficient alternatives for developers and major power companies throughout the U.S. His experience also includes electricity cost allocation and rate design, U.S. Air Force utilities privatization, and the use of electric power system dispatch models to develop cost-benefit analyses and resource plans.

Theis grew up in Eden Prairie, Minn. and has lived in Denver-Fort Collins-Lakewood, Colo. since 1980. He earned a B.S. in geology and an M.S. in natural resource economics at Colorado State University (Fort Collins, Colo.), and an M.S. in finance at the University of Colorado at Denver. He currently lives in South Park, Pa.

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