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Individual excellence was also recognized in the "*Rising Star - Individual*" category, where Puma Energy's chief operating officer (COO) for the Americas region was honored. Rodrigo Adolfo Zavala won judges' attention for rapid expansion of Puma's service stations in Latin America within the first eight months of his COO appointment in March 2014. He also led the company's entry into the aviation sector. Despite Zavala's impressive 20-year career, judges believe his corporate and industry contributions are only beginning. The Geneva, Switzerland-based, mid- and downstream oil company Puma Energy a year ago won the 2013 Global Energy Awards title of "*Industry Leadership - Midstream*."

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Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, LLC

Exploration & Production
Royal Dutch Shell plc

Grid Optimization
50Hertz Transmission GmbH

Midstream
Nord Stream AG

Biofuels
Algenol Biofuels

[STEWARDSHIP AWARDS](#)

Efficiency Initiative - Energy Supplier
National Grid plc

Efficiency Initiative - Commercial End-User
Schneider Electric

Corporate Social Responsibility
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited

[PREMIER PROJECT AWARDS](#)

Construction
Spectra Energy Corp

Engineering
Samsung Engineering Co., Ltd.

[LEADING TECHNOLOGY AWARDS](#)

Commercial Application
Siemens Energy

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