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Niraj Bhargava is Co-Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Energate Inc., a company specializing in home energy management solutions. Previously, Niraj was President and CEO of Enerstat Limited, the company that first commercialized the electronic programmable thermostat. After Enerstat, Niraj became a faculty member in Entrepreneurship at Queen's University, Founder and CEO of Queen's Centre for Enterprise Development, and then Dean of the Business School at Royal Roads University.

Earlier in his career, Niraj practiced engineering at Bell-Northern Research, marketing and business development at Northern Telecom and General Electric, and was General Manager of GE Energy Management. Niraj has a BAsC from University of Waterloo and an MBA from Ivey Business School, including an International Business Certificate from Stockholm School of Economics. With his degree in Systems Design Engineering, Niraj received his Professional Engineering license in 1989.

Ottawa-based Energate (www.energateinc.com) provides electric utilities the technology means to shape the energy demand curve thus dramatically reducing the need for costly and environmentally damaging power plants. As out-of-control energy demand and costs become increasingly critical issues, Energate has developed home energy management solutions that let consumers and utilities manage energy use and reduce peak demand without sacrificing comfort and convenience. Energate's technologies including its leading Smart Thermostats are a key part of Smart Grid and Smart Meter roll-outs for utilities throughout North America. Energate was recently awarded a place on Canada's Green 15 list of successful green technology companies for a second straight year.

Niraj lives in Ottawa with his wife Denise and young daughters, Maya and Ariane. Niraj enjoys travelling, the outdoors and cycling to work as often as he can.