

Metrix in Auckland New Zealand Installs 5000 Piece Elster Electricity EnergyAxis® System

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Metrix, a division of Mighty River Power Limited, and Elster Electricity, LLC, a leading provider of metering solutions worldwide and part of Elster Group, the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of highly accurate, high quality, integrated metering and utilization solutions to the gas, electricity and water industries, announce that Metrix is deploying Elster's EnergyAxis® System in Auckland, New Zealand. Metrix is initially deploying 5,000 meters and testing the system's two-way meter-to-meter communication capabilities.

"Elster is pleased to be working with Metrix to address its AMI needs. Our systems platform was designed to be adaptable to customer requirements and provides a wealth of information to address the varied utility and utility customer needs. Elster is delighted that the EnergyAxis System is being successfully used in so many locations around the world," said Ronald B. Via, vice president of Elster Electricity.

Metrix is testing the system to evaluate how smart metering technology will enable it to add value to the services it delivers to retail electric providers, and to energy consumers. To quote Ian Howell, Business Solutions Manager, Metrix: "We are pleased to be working with Elster on this exciting project that will undoubtedly have a major influence on the future of smart metering in New Zealand. Our experience with the EnergyAxis system has been very positive so far and we look forward to sharing the benefits of this state-of-the-art technology with our customers."

The EnergyAxis System is a metering automation system that utilizes a 900 MHz controlled mesh network with Elster's residential electronic REX® meters and A3 ALPHA® meter collectors. Metrix selected Elster's EnergyAxis System after evaluating various technologies globally and visiting several EnergyAxis System deployments in North America.

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About the EnergyAxis System

The EnergyAxis System uses a powerful two-way RF communications system to retrieve metering information directly from meters. The communication network uses a spread spectrum, frequency-hopping technology with self-registration to provide secure, reliable communications between meters and data collectors. This technology enables individual meters to act as repeaters, creating a dynamic communication path that optimizes signal strength of the RF and reliability of the communication link. With residential REX meters, A3 ALPHA meter collectors, and polyphase A3 ALPHA meters, the EnergyAxis System is a complete metering automation solution that enables utilities to deploy a system that provides thorough territorial coverage.

About Mighty River Power Limited

Mighty River Power is an integrated energy generation, trading, retailing and metering business that owns and manages a diverse and expanding portfolio of generation assets throughout New Zealand's North Island. Mighty River Power sells electricity and gas to more than 300,000 customers through its retail business [Mercury Energy](#). Mighty River Power's metering business [Metrix](#) provides meters and meter-reading services to residential and commercial customers across Auckland, and to other electricity retailers.

About Metrix

Metrix is the leading electricity meter owner and operator in greater Auckland providing residential and commercial metering equipment, including load control devices.

About Elster Electricity, LLC

Elster Electricity, LLC is a provider of advanced metering infrastructure solutions to help utilities improve their revenue cycle services, customer service, delivery reliability, and workforce utilization. Elster Electricity is located in Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information, visit www.elsterelectricity.com.

About Elster Group

Elster Group is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of highly

accurate, high quality, integrated metering and utilisation solutions to the gas, electricity and water industries. In addition, through its subsidiary Ipsen International, it is the leading global manufacturer of high level thermo-chemical treatment equipment.

The group has over 9,000 staff, operations in 38 countries and serves over 115 markets around the world. Elster's high quality products and systems reflect the wealth of knowledge and experience gained from over 170 years of dedication to measuring precious resources and energy. For more information, visit www.elster.com.